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THE ARMISTICE.

A Five Days' Extension Probable—Terms of Peace Comparatively Moderate.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In consequence of certain preparations made in the South of France for calling into service the military class of 1870, BISMARCK will consent to prolong the armistice only five days.

The special correspondent of the London Times at Berlin telegraphs that the terms of peace proposed by Count BISMARCK are comparatively moderate.

Count of Chambord at Brussels—The Emperor Wilhelm Not to Return to Berlin till France is Constituted.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16.—The *Echo de Parlement* says the Count of CHAMBORD has arrived here.

It is reported that the Emperor WILLIAM will not return to Berlin before peace, the speedy conclusion of which is confidently expected at Paris.

THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

A Provisional Republic With Thiers as President—Causes of the Repulse at Bordeaux.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 16.—At a caucus held last night, and composed of a majority of the delegates, it was resolved to establish a Provisional Republic, with THIERS as President, FAVRE as Premier, and the Duke DE DECAZES as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The other Ministers are to be MM. SIMON, PICARD, BUFFET and BARTHELOT. On the conclusion of peace the Convention will adjourn to Paris, and will submit to a plebiscite the future form of Government.

THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY.

Election of M. Grevy as President—No New Elections Necessary in Paris—Probable Choice of M. Thiers as President of France.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 16.—M. FRANCOIS PAUL JULES GREVY has been elected President of the Assembly.

The total vote cast was 538, of which M. GREVY received 519.

[FRANCOIS PAUL JULES GREVY was born at Mont-sous-Vendres, on the 15th of August, 1812. He was educated at the college of Poligny, and afterward studied law in Paris. While he was a student at the capital, the revolution of 1830 broke out, and he took an active part on the popular side. After he had been admitted to the Bar, he rapidly rose to the front rank of his profession. His first experience in public life was in 1848, when he was chosen Commissary of the Provisional Government in his department. In this position he displayed the utmost moderation, refusing to commit himself in the quarrels of either party. By this means he gained the good will of the people, and was chosen as the first of the eight representatives of the Jura in the Constituent Assembly by a very large vote. He was a member of the Committee of Justice and Vice-President of the Assembly, and most distinguished himself as one of the finest orators in that body. He preserved an independent position, but generally voted with the extreme Left. After the election of LOUIS NAPOLEON to the Presidency GREVY vigorously opposed his administration and especially denounced the Roman expedition. He continued at every step to dispute the encroachments of the President upon the liberties of the people, and when the *coup d'état* was accomplished retired from public life to achieve new successes in his profession. He was chosen *bâtonnier* of the order of advocates in 1868. In the same year he was elected as an opposition member to the Chamber of Deputies, the first that had been sent from the Jura since 1852. He was re-elected in the following year by a greatly increased majority. True to his early ideas of popular government, GREVY finds himself again sent by the untrammeled choice of his district to represent it in the Assembly, and is honored by the best and most responsible position in its gift.]

PARIS, Feb. 16.—It is now reported that no new elections for Delegates to the National Assembly will be necessary in this city.

The *Journal des Débats* says THIERS is universally regarded as the future President of France, with FAVRE, PICARD and BUFFET as members of the Ministry.

Effect of Napoleon's Electioneering Document—Unfavorable to His Pretensions.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The manifesto of NAPOLEON to the French people has been published at Versailles and excites much comment, generally of a nature unfavorable to the pretensions of the Ex-Emperor.

PARIS.

Resignation of the Prefect of Police—Price of Bread—Delivery of Arms Commenced.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—M. CRESSON, Prefect of Police, has resigned.

The authorities have fixed the price of bread at fifty centimes per kilo.

A special dispatch from Versailles to the London *Telegraph* says all the arms of the garrison of Paris have been delivered up to the Germans.

MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

Surrender of Belfort on Honorable Terms—Chanzy's Contradiction of Gambetta's Victories—German Executions.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The capitulation of Belfort has been signed, and the garrison has withdrawn with arms and baggage.

The Paris *Clocks* (newspaper) says that the communications made to the Government by Gen. CHANZY prove that the "victory bulletins" of M. GAMBETTA were exaggerated accounts of the successes of the Army of the Loire, made for the purpose of fostering hopes among the people which were unjustified by the truth. Gen. CHANZY has made some painful disclosures as to the condition of the army, and advises France to postpone her "revenge."

The Prussians have exacted a contribution of 19,000 francs from the commune of "Jassans," (?) and the money not forthcoming, carried off the Mayor and the Counters of MONTGOMMERET as hostages.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

Proposed Reforms—The Bill in Parliament—The Colonies to Pay for Their Own Defense—Volunteers to be Considered as Regulars—The Standing Force 481,000.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Mr. CARDWELL, Secretary of State for War, introduced in the House of Commons this evening the bill for the reorganization of the army, and proceeded to analyze the measure.

In the course of his speech he declared that it was established now that the Colonies must pay for their own defense. He announced that the subject of port defenses was under consideration.

Mr. CARDWELL'S recommendations were much applauded. They include the abolition of the purchase system; the placing of the army under one system of administration; the form of service to be interchangeable; no more officers to be retired in a given year than the average number retired during the five preceding years; examination to precede commission, which must be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State; the three classes of forces to be amalgamated; volunteers being considered as regulars, the standing force to be 481,000 men; the Government to have power to appropriate railways in times of emergency.

Three Hundred Millions of Dollars Estimated for the New Defense and Armament.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The defensive works proposed by the Secretary of War are estimated to cost £50,000,000, and the new artillery required £10,000,000 more.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Odo Russell's Declarations on the Eastern Question Repudiated by the British Government—Locations at German Courts—The High Commission.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons this evening, Sir JOHN HAY asked whether the Government had authorized the statement made by Mr. ODO RUSSELL to Count BISMARCK, on the 21st of November, to the effect that the state of the Eastern question would compel England to go to war with Russia with or without allies. Sir JOHN wanted to know what preparations had been made to back up that threat.

Mr. GLADSTONE replied that Mr. RUSSELL'S arguments were unauthorized, but bore an official character. Mr. RUSSELL had been vested with a certain discretion, and no specific instructions had been sent him. His course in this matter was censurable.

Viscount ENFIELD stated that the Government contemplated closing the British Legations at the minor German Courts.

Mr. GLADSTONE made some explanations in regard to the Anglo-American Commission. It was empowered to discuss amicably all differences. Any difficulties arising were to be referred to the Home Government, by cable, and instructions would be returned the same way.

Another Adjournment of the Eastern Conference—Wreck of a Steamer on the Shetland Islands—Twenty-Six Lives Lost—Princess Louise's Dowry.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—It is understood that the next sitting of the Conference has been postponed a few days until the organization of a new French Government and the arrival of a plenipotentiary from France.

The Liverpool steamer *Pacific* has been lost in the Shetland Islands with twenty-six of her crew.

The dowry of the Princess LOUISE was voted with but one dissenting voice.

The Queen of Spain En Route for Madrid—Francisco d'Asis—Sailing of Four Fenians from Queenstown.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Queen of Spain has arrived at Nice, on her journey from Florence to Madrid.

It is asserted that FRANCISCO D'ASIS, husband of the Ex-Queen ISABELLA, has offered to swear allegiance to King AMADEUS.

Capt. MACKAY and three other released Fenians left Queenstown last night for America. There was no demonstration at either Cork or Queenstown.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Thursday, Feb. 16, at 11:47 o'clock:

Places of Observation.	Barometer at 32° Reduced to Sea Level.	Thermometer in Shade.	Relative Humidity.	Velocity of Wind.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather
Augusta, Ga.	30.12	56	.....	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Baltimore	30.27	42	.....	.....	Calm.	Clear.
Boston, Mass.	30.49	28	....	....	Brisk.	Clear.
Buffalo	30.46	21	S. W.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Charleston	30.17	67	N.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Cheyenne	29.31	24	N.	....	Very brisk.	Fair.
Chicago, Ill.	30.70	28	S. E.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Cincinnati, O.	30.20	39	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
Cleveland	30.31	32	S. E.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Corinne	24.46	33	N. W.	....	Gentle.	Fair.
Detroit	30.11	27	S. W.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Duluth	29.89	24	E.	....	Gentle.	Fair.
Indianapolis	30.11	36	S. E.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Key West	30.10	71	N.	....	Brisk.	Fair.
Knoxville, Tenn	30.16	46	E.	....	Gentle.	Fair.
Lake City, Fla.	30.12	57	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
Milwaukee	30.42	21	W.	....	Gentle.	Fair.
Mobile, Ala.	30.09	62	N.	....	Gentle.	Lt. Rain.
Nashville	30.12	40	E.	....	Gentle.	Cloudy.
New-Orleans	29.95	64	S. E.	....	Brisk.	Cloudy.
New-York	30.05	37	W.	....	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Omaha	29.67	21	N. E.	....	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Oswego	30.06	21	N. W.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Philadelphia	30.15	41	S. W.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Pittsburg	30.18	32	N. W.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Portland, Me.	30.30	25	N. W.	....	Brisk.	Clear.
Rochester, N.Y.	30.18	30	W.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
San Francisco	30.48	50	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
Savannah	30.19	60	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
St. Louis	30.16	42	S. E.	....	Gentle.	Cloudy.
St. Paul	29.94	8	N. E.	....	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Toledo, O	30.16	34	E.	....	Gentle.	Clear.
Washington	30.17	34	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
Wilmington, N. C.	30.2[illegible]	49	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
Norfolk	[illegible]	[illegible]	....	....	Calm.	Clear.
New-London	30.29	34	N. W.	....	Brisk.	Clear.
Mt. Washington	23.64	8	W.	....	Gale.	Snow.

Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation.

The Weather on Mount Washington.

SUMMIT MOUNT WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Observations taken at 7 P. M.: Barometer, 23.17, being a change of minus .42; thermometer, 12°, being a change of minus 4°; relative humidity, .81; wind west; velocity of wind 47 miles per hour. The Summit has been enveloped in dense clouds all day. It is snowing, changing at intervals into a heavy rain.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 16.—WILLIS and WARNER, serving for burglary, escaped from the State Prison at Wethersfield, Conn., today. They jumped into the doctor's sleigh as the door, and started off, but were overhauled and returned to their quarters.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—MARVIN HUGHITT, Esq., for the last five years General Superintendent of the Illinois Central Railroad, has resigned.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Small-Pox Epidemic at Yokohama—Deaths of Several American Sailors—Teachers in a Japanese College Cut Down with Swords—Mr. Seward Leaves Hong Kong for Singapore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Advices from China and Japan by the steam-ship *Great Republic*, have just been received. Small-pox was very prevalent at Yokohama. A number of the crew of the United States steamer *Benicia* had been attacked, and several had died. No officers had been attacked. The crews of several German ships in the harbor had also suffered. The disease had assumed the form of an epidemic. On the 19th January, at Yeddo, Messrs. DALLAS and RING, employed as teachers in a Japanese college, were attacked and cut down with swords, and were frightfully but not fatally injured. Their assailants escaped.

Mr. SEWARD had left Hong Kong for Singapore. Before leaving he had held a reception at the American Consulate, at which he made a speech, commenting at length on the course pursued by our people toward China, and intimating that we must be prepared to be just toward the people of that country before demanding the extension of commercial privileges and relations. He thought the future of Japan assured, and considered the condition of affairs in China not more discouraging than those of Japan eight years since. He returned thanks for the courtesies shown him by natives and foreigners alike in all parts of both Empires. His health is improved.

CUBA.

Valmaseda's Tour of Inspection—Death of a Colored Insurgent Officer.

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—Captain-General VALMASEDA left here this morning and arrived at Cienfuegos to-night.

DORATO, a negro, commanding the insurgents in the Zumneta district, died lately from the effects of wounds.

NEW-PROVIDENCE.

A Flotilla of British Gun-boats Expected—A Battalion of Infantry to Be Stationed at Nassau—Export of Arms.

NASSAU, N. P., Feb. 12.—A flotilla of fifteen vessels is expected—three are to remain, the rest will go to Jamaica. Orders are issued for rations for a battalion of infantry. The Legislature is in session considering measures recommended by the Governor to prevent the exportation of arms.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Arrival of Japanese Students—Among Them a Prince—Cargo of the Steamer from Yokohama—List of Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The steam-ship *Great Republic* has arrived from China and Japan. She brings nine Japanese students for San Francisco, seven for New-York, and thirteen for Europe, including one Prince.... Lord HOWARD DE WALDEN is among the European-bound passengers. She also brings 164 Chinese, and has 8,760 packages of tea to be shipped overland to Chicago; 1,140 packages for Boston, 1,000 packages of tea and a large quantity of silk for New-York; also, a list of freight via Panama. The following is the list of passengers bound eastward:

For New-York—F. Bailes, W. H. Lefferts, John Middleton, W. C. Law, J. Podesta, R. B. Smith, Colgate Baker, C. Deinhard, Mori, the Japanese Minister to the United States, Kanda, Nowa, Yaraka, Foyama, Magomi and Kumasawa. For Europe—N. F. Kinloch, E. A. Schoyer, Madenoxseyle, Kuleokya, Scougie, Kusce, Matsuis, Minami, Enivane, Isoove, Tsaska, News, Lord Howard de Walden, Prince Niasama, Kituma, Yamasaki, Oosuke, and Okada.

THE COAL-MINERS.

Preparations to Resume Work in the Philadelphia Coal Company's Mines—Operations Resumed in Other Mines.

TAMAQUA, Penn., Feb. 16.—The Philadelphia Coal Company is preparing to resume work at three collieries at once.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Feb. 16.—There has been no resumption of work at the collieries in this neighborhood yet. All is quiet.

ASHLAND, Penn., Feb. 16.—No collieries are yet in operation in this immediate neighborhood, and there is no prospect of resumption until after a basis has been agreed upon between the operators and the Workmen's Benevolent Association.

SHAMOKEN, Penn., Feb. 16.—Seven collieries have resumed work in this vicinity. Five others have not yet resumed, on account of improvements being made.

ST. CLAIR, Penn., Feb. 16.—Work has not been resumed at the collieries in this vicinity.

READING, Penn., Feb. 16.—It is stated that it is probable that by the 1st of March there will not be a single anthracite furnace in blast in the Schuylkill Valley, the manufacturers having acquiesced, at the recent meeting in New-York, in the virtual embargo upon coal transportation, as implied in the doubling of tolls upon that article over the Reading Railroad. The purpose of this is understood to be the prevention of further attempts at resumption until a radical change is effected in the system.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Feb. 16.—The Pine Knot colliery at Minersville resumed work today. The prospects are that others will also resume by next Monday.

NEW-JERSEY.

A Railroad from Orange to Newark—Banners of the State Regiments—Election of State Officers—Other Business.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 16.—A bill was introduced in the House today for a railroad from Orange to Newark. A resolution was introduced for the appointment of a committee to take charge of the flags of the State regiments in the late war. Both Houses went into joint meeting this afternoon, and elected the State officers nominated by the Republican caucus last night. The present Democratic office-holders were nominated by that party, but were defeated by a vote of 45 to 29. A resolution was introduced in the Senate authorizing the Governor to appoint three commissioners to attend to the sale of the Stevens Battery. A bill to enable the Morris Canal Company to lease their canal and franchises, has passed both Houses.

THE FISHERIES.

Resolutions of the Massachusetts Legislature—The Arbitrary and Unfriendly Legislation of the Canadians.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The Legislative Committee on Federal Relations today reported the following resolutions on the fisheries question:

Resolved, That the recent legislation of the Canadian Dominion upon the fisheries upon the north-east coast, and the arbitrary and unfriendly action of the authorities there toward our citizens engaged in that important pursuit, constitute a grievance that demands the attention and protection of the General Government, and that it is of great moment that the negotiation about to take place between England and the United States should re-establish in a clear manner, and on a firm basis, the ancient and inviolable rights of our citizens on the fishing grounds; should secure to them such privileges as the present state of the fisheries make reasonable and right, and provide indemnity for any unjust seizures that have been made.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to send a copy of this resolve to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Irish Exiles—Preparations to Receive the Fenians by the Samaria in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 16.—At an adjourned meeting of the Committee of Irish Citizens, it was resolved to prepare an address, and to receive subscriptions for the released Fenian prisoners, now in New-York. The Subcommittee reported the receipt of $1,420, and it was voted to keep the list open until Saturday at noon. The Committee were instructed to use their own discretion as to the time of presentation. An address was adopted. PATRICK DONOHUE, Chairman, and five others, were appointed a committee to receive and provide for Col. HALPINE on his arrival at Boston in the *Samaria*. The New-York Committee will probably leave for Boston on Saturday night.

ARKANSAS.

Possible Impeachment of the Attorney-General—The Lieutenant-Governor's Case—Resignation of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 16.—A special dispatch to the *Avalanche* from Little Rock says: "A resolution was introduced in the House, yesterday, reciting that judgments to the amount of $16,000 have been obtained, on militia vouchers, against the State through the willful negligence of the Attorney-General in directing the auditor to pay the same, and instructing the Committee on Impeachment to investigate the matter, and, if fraud is found, as alleged, to prefer articles of impeachment. The Supreme Court overruled the demurrer in the case of the Lieutenant-Governor, two Justices dissenting. The Court adjourned until Friday, at which time the trial will proceed on the facts of the case. Immediately after the Court adjourned Chief-Justice WELSHIRE resigned, and the Governor accepted his resignation.

Articles of Impeachment Against Gov. Clayton—Indictment of Resistance.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 16.—The *Avalanche* has a special dispatch from Little Rock, which says that articles of impeachment were presented today in the House against Gov. CLAYTON by Mr. PADGETT. The charges are substantially as follows:

That Gov. CLAYTON has conspired with members of the Supreme Court of this State, maliciously and unlawfully to deprive the Lieutenant-Governor of his office when he had been lawfully elected by the people, and had qualified according to the Constitution and laws; that he has unlawfully removed N. H. LOCK, County and Probate Judge, and Clerk of Court, who were also constitutionally elected; that he has directed, aided and encouraged fraud in the election of a Representative from Fourteenth of the General Assembly from the Thirteenth District; that he has accepted a pecuniary consideration for the issuing of State bonds or obligations to and in favor of the Arkansas and Little Rock, Fort Smith and Mississippi and Onebia and Red River Companies, in violation of law and disregard of his official duty as Governor; and other crimes and misdemeanors. It is therefore moved that he be suspended from exercising the functions of Governor, and that certain members may be appointed as managers on the part of the House to conduct his impeachment. The managers are instructed to go at the bar of the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the people, and commence the impeachment of the Governor, and acquaint the Senate that the House in due time will exhibit and make good the particular articles of the impeachment, and demand the Senate to take order for the appearance of the Governor.

The motion for the previous question was carried by a vote of 42 to 29, and the articles were adopted by the same vote, amid intense excitement.

Another special to the Memphis *Avalanche* says that Gov. CLAYTON had a lot of arms removed to the west end of the capital last night, and is said to be swearing in everybody he can to act as militia. It is generally understood that three Supreme Court Judges will be impeached to-morrow—McCLURE, SRANE and BENNETT—which will stop the Court from rendering a decision in the Johnson case.

Associate Justice McCLURE has been made Chief-Justice, vice WILKSHIRE resigned.

THE TENNESSEE.

Dispatch from Rear Admiral Lee at Key West—He Believes the Steamer to be "All Right."

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Admiral LEE arrived at Key West night before last, and the Secretary of the Navy, yesterday, when telegraphing him on other subjects, asked if he had any news of the *Tennessee*, and received the following reply:

"No news of the *Tennessee*. None expected until the *Tybee* returns from San Domingo, last of the month, to New-York. I believe she is all right.

(Signed,) S. P. LEE, Rear Admiral,
Commanding N. A. Fleet.

THE UNION LEAGUE.

Meeting of the National Executive Committee in Philadelphia—Resolutions Adopted—Other Business.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—The National Executive Committee of the Union League of America held a meeting in this city today, at which a series of resolutions was adopted favoring universal amnesty as soon as the same can be effected; indorsing the efforts being made throughout the Union to elevate the working men by means of labor unions; favoring the judicious reform in our system of revenue, whereby the necessaries of life may be imported free of tax, and calling upon the Republican Party to stand by the Administration of President Grant. The resolutions were warmly discussed, and eloquent speeches were delivered by Chairman Ex-Gov. WM. A. NEWELL, of New-Jersey; Gov. JOHN W. GEARY, of Pennsylvania; WM. A. COOK, of the District of Columbia; WM. V. ALEXANDER, of New-York, and JAMES BUCHANAN, State Secretary of New-Jersey. The resolutions were then referred to a committee consisting of Gov. GEARY of Pennsylvania, Gov. WILLIAM A. NEWELL of New-Jersey, and THOMAS G. BAKER of New-York, with instructions to embody the same in an address to the people of the United States. Mr. BAKER, National Secretary, presented a report of the correspondence of his office, which was received and acted on in secret session. Other business of importance was transacted, but no report thereof has been furnished to the Press. The Secretary was directed to take measures to organize State Councils in Kentucky and other States. The Committee adjourned to meet in Washington in April.

The Pope and Archbishop Purcell, of Ohio—A Letter from His Holiness.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.—The Pope has addressed a letter to Archbishop PURCELL, acknowledging the receipt of a communication in which the latter signifies and professes, with sincere heart and fulness of faith, his adhesion to the dogmatic Constitution published in the fourth session of the Vatican Council. The Pope expresses great satisfaction at this testimony of faith and sacerdotal feeling conveyed in the letter of the Archbishop—the more sincere, as it completely refutes the evil reports which certain newspapers have circulated against them.

The Little Church Around the Corner.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—About 3,000 people attended the testimonial performance for the benefit of the "Little Church Around the Corner" at the Opera-house this afternoon. About $1,900 were cleared. On Saturday Afternoon the German Opera Troupe will give a free benefit to the same church.

Wendell Phillips in Newark—The Evils of Misgovernment.

WENDELL PHILLIPS delivered his lecture on the "Present Political Issues" before the Clayonian Society, in the First Baptist Church in Newark, last night, it being the last lecture of their Winter's course. The church, which is the largest audience-room in the city, was literally packed, and the audience comprised as well his bitter opponents as his admirers.

The speaker discussed the relations of capital and labor, and said that most of the incongruities and faults of our political system and our society spring from the unjust discriminations against labor. He compared the practice of settling difficulties between employers and workmen in England with the want of system here. In referring to the dominion of capital, he also spoke of the despotism of the liquor interests, and said that New-York was now ruled by 500 men. These five hundred employed as their agents, three thousand more men, one of whom ought to be hung. He deplored the growing power of great corporations, and inveighed strongly against the conditions of society which diverted a half dozen of men the control of thousands of their fellows. In conclusion he alluded to the woman suffrage movement, asserting that in the consummation of this reform the American nation would find relief from many of the evils that now threaten its existence.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.

A Man Burned to Death in Brooklyn—Heroic Conduct of a Poor Girl.

Fulton-street, Brooklyn, was the scene, last evening about 7 o'clock, of a fire which resulted in the death of a human being, and the destruction of $15,000 worth of property. The flames were first discovered in the furniture of JULIUS WEINBERG, No. 128 Fulton-street, but so rapidly did they spread, that before anything could be done they had reached the second floor, on which Mr. WEINBERG resided. The fire was first discovered by Mrs. WEINBERG, who at once gave the alarm, and called upon her servant-girl, JANE DUNN, who was upstairs with four of the children, to get out into the street. The only mode of exit from the house in question was by a narrow staircase which led through the store; but so great had been the headway made by the fire, that the smoke was now rushing up in that direction in great masses. Unappalled, however, by that, the brave girl seized two of the little ones in her arms, and forcing the other two before her, succeeded in reaching it. After much difficulty, not the least portion of which came from danger of suffocation, the whole five got safely out to the street. At this point it was discovered that an old gentleman, named L. EDESTEIN, (who had been living with the family in the capacity of tutor,) was still in the burning building. On learning that, JANE DUNN as once rushed back into the house through smoke and flame, and after great trouble, found the old man vainly groping about among the smoke for a means of exit. Seizing him by the hand, she dragged him to the stairway, but so hot had it become around there that escape by that section was impossible. Seeing that, she at once turned her steps upward, and in a few minutes had the old gentleman pulled up to the fourth story, where an outlet by the gentile presented itself. But here, when safety appeared to have been reached, he fell from the ladder, completely exhausted. She called loudly for assistance, but none came, and at last, to her horror, the flames came rolling up in such terrible volume, that she was compelled to fly, and leave the old man to his fate. The firemen had by this time got to the spot, but, for some unknown reason, they neglected to attend to the roof. At last the flames were extinguished, and the corpse, charred and wasted, was carried to the Morgue. Miss DUNN succeeded in making her way safely to an adjoining building, whence she was taken in an insensible condition. The deceased was a professor of Hebrew, and generally resided with his wife at No. 126 Ludlow-street, New-York City.

The loss on stock and furniture amounted to about $10,000; insured for $8,000. The building was damaged to the extent of $5,000, but is fully insured; it is owned by J. LONGWORTH, of New-York. The fire is supposed to have arisen from an overheated stove.

Annual Dinner of Resident Alumni of Dickinson College—Toasts and Speeches.

The second annual reunion and dinner of the New-York Association of the Alumni of Dickinson College took place at Delmonico's, yesterday evening. At 6 o'clock, the hour set for the dinner, a large number of the members of the alumni with their wives and daughters—a happy innovation on the established rule in that respect—had assembled in the parlors; and the entertainment had the air of a large family party, an illusion which was heightened by the extreme readiness and familiarity with which all entered into the spirit of the affair. In this respect the entertainment differed greatly from those given by colleges in which the religious belief is unbiased; the ties which ordinarily are severed on leaving college had been in this case strengthened by the common cause, in the advancement of which all had been working. Owing to the absence of Rev. R. L. DASHIELL, the President of the College, the dinner was delayed two hours; but the time passed by almost unnoticed, and the worthy doctor was fortunate enough to escape all blame on that account. At 8 o'clock the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements announced that dinner was ready, and ushered the party into the room. It is hardly necessary to say that it was served in a style which one has a right to expect from DELMONICO, that is, that it was excellent in every respect. It is, perhaps, well to notice the fact that the members of the Alumni ecclesiously refrained from the use of intoxicating beverages. After the guests had satisfied themselves, the table was cleared, and the Secretary, Col. H. C. King, delivered the opening address on behalf of the President of the Association. He then read letters of regret at not being able to attend from J. A. J. Cresswell, Postmaster-General; J. N. Marshall, Assistant Postmaster; Wm. H. Allen, President of Girrard College; Hon. J. F. Rushing, Rev. Jesse T. Peck, Prof. C. F. Hines and others. To the toast, "The Faculty of 1834," Rev. Dr. DEEMS responded with a very interesting speech filled with early reminiscences of the College. The second toast, "The Trustees, past and present," was responded to by Bishop JAMES; "Our Graduates," by Rev. G. R. CROOKS, D. D.; "The Ladies," by Hon. J. S. DIBBLE, after which the toast, "Other Things," was given, which called forth quite a number of speeches both able and witty.

A telegram of fraternal greeting was received from the Alumni of the Wesleyan University, holding their reunion at the Astor House, and appropriately answered. At a late hour in the evening the party broke up. Among the gentlemen present were Rev. Dr. DURBIN, Rev. O. H. TIFFANY, D. D., and Dr. LANAHAN.

Fifteenth Assembly District—Union Republican Association—Testimony Republicans Denounced.

The Fifteenth Assembly District Union Republican Association held a meeting last night at Kromm's Hall in West Thirty-third-street. HENRY D. LAPOUGH, the President, occupied the chair. Col. WILLIAM B. AVERY acted as Secretary. Resolutions were adopted approving of the action of the Republican Executive Committee of twenty-one, at the meeting on the 11th inst. at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, in appointing a special committee to prepare and report a plan for the reorganization of the Republican Party in the City and County of New-York. The resolutions also approved of the part taken by President GRANT in relation to the Joint Commission for the settlement of claims, and thanked Hon. THOMAS MURPHY for the efficient means taken by him to break up the coalition existing between Tammany Hall and certain members of the Republican Party, known as Tammany Republicans. After the adoption of the resolutions, the President, Mr. LAPOUGH made an address, in which he referred to Hons. F. MANHEIM and HENRY SMITH as Tammany Republicans, and said that they belonged to the Americus and Blossom Clubs, two of the most wily and efficient Democratic clubs in the City. He stated that the selection of Mr. GREELEY as Chairman of the Smith-Manierre Republican Committee, was regretted by the Republicans of the Fifteenth District, and the belief was strongly expressed that the selection of Mr. GREELEY for that position was for the purpose of taking advantage of his recognized good name and honesty, and thereby mislead the Republicans in regard to the real character of the persons composing the Committee. The acceptance by Mr. GREELEY of the chairmanship of the Committee is calculated to mislead the Republicans in the country, who are not familiar with the schemes of the Tammany Republicans, to give them credit for possessing Republican principles and sympathies, which the Republicans in the City know to be false. The speaker concluded by saying that he hoped Mr. GREELEY would soon find it to his interest to resign his position as chairman of the Smith-Manierre Committee.

Col. WM. B. AVERY also made an address, in which he spoke of the great military services of President GRANT during the late war, and strongly advocated his renomination for the Presidency.

Dr. E. W. HOBBS commended the course of the Administration in causing the enactment by Congress of the law for the protection of voters, and spoke of the wisdom of the President in regard to the selection of the members of the Joint Commission.

Capt. L. M. ROUSE, Dr. W. J. STEWART and JOHN J. POLLOCK also addressed the Association, after which the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

Railroad Slaughter in New-Jersey.

The following represents the number of persons killed or injured on the railroads of New-Jersey during 1870: Camden and Amboy—Killed, 12; injured, 23. New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company—Killed, 19; injured, 14. Central Railroad—Killed, 13; injured, 20. Camden and Atlantic—Killed, 2. Morris and Essex—Killed, 37; injured, not reported. Paterson and Hudson River—Killed, 21; injured, 28. West Jersey Road—Killed, 5; injured, 4. Belvidere and Delaware Road—Killed, 9; injured, 3.

THE NEW-HAMBURG DISASTER.

Recovery of the Remains of the Brakeman, Mooney, of the Pacific Train.

Operations on the River—A Gaping Crowd at the Scene of the Wreck—Sleighing Parties Present from Remote Settings—Additional Important Testimony Before the Coroner.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW-HAMBURG, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1871.

Early this morning the diver, Mr. POLE, was on the ground, and made several descents to the bottom of the creek. The bright clear sunshine and still water, greatly facilitated his work, but no results followed beyond the discovery of new portions of the wreck. The oil, mud, and clogs were so thickly mixed in the current that it was almost impossible for him to see. As usual, a large crowd gathered around the spot. This included many country people, who came in sleighs from remote settings. The great attraction seemed to be the diver. A considerable proportion of the spectators were ladies, who crowded the decks of the ice-bound sloops adjacent, and eagerly peered over the rails into the black and greasy waters. The battered and broken locomotive shows the effects of the terrible force of the concussion that it met. The tough, thick boiler-iron, riveted and braced; the bands of steel and the strong rods are battered and torn to shreds. The bright brass work gleams in the sunlight, but the iron bears evidence of the fierce, devouring flame in which it was cremated. A strong square of piles have been driven in about the place where it laid. Upon these are heavy timbers, which support powerful derricks. Operations have now been systematized. Some railroad policemen guard the vicinity, and by keeping back the curious people at a proper distance, greatly facilitate the diver's movements.

ARTICLES RECOVERED BY THE DIVER.

Several times this morning he came to the surface bearing in his hands different articles recovered—an ice-water cooler, then a small trunk, a tin box, &c. On these occasions, as his head appeared above the surface of the water, and the article discovered, in his hand, the spectators would press forward with great excitement, under the impression that the corpse of the missing engineer had been discovered. It is quite unlikely that any more bodies will be found until all of the immense amount of débris shall have been removed. Much of this is firmly embedded in the mud, some of the iron being driven in with great force. It is possible, though not probable, that some bodies may have floated into the inlet of the creek, and are now under the ice. Residents of the vicinity express the opinion that even if the diver's idea is correct in the report, i. e., that the pile of débris formed a barrier through which a corpse might not pass out riverward, the strong currents of the creek might draw them under the ice, where they now may be entombed.

RECOVERY OF THE BODY OF THE BRAKEMAN.

Early this afternoon the body of MOONEY, the lost brakeman, was recovered. It was at once recognized by his comrades, who exhibited much feeling as they gazed upon the mutilated remnant of a once manly and noble fellow.

MOONEY'S body presented a ghastly spectacle. The head was terribly burned, and the face nearly all gone. The right hand was gloved, and seemed reaching out as if grasping or clutching at some object. The left arm was burned completely off, and other portions of the body badly charred. The only identity was afforded by a pair of fine high-top boots, which were almost entirely uninjured.

The Inquest—Additional Testimony—Statement of an Old Engineer—Past and Present Rules of the Hudson River Road—The Arrangement of Signal-Lights.

From Our Special Correspondent.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Thursday, Feb. 16, 1871.

The adjourned session of the Coroner's inquest was commenced in the Supreme Court-room at 2 o'clock this afternoon. But few spectators were present. WM. B. HORTON, a locomotive-engineer, who has been in active service on the principal roads in this section for twenty-three years, several of which he served on the Hudson River Road, and the past nineteen on the Boston and Albany, was first examined. The substance of his testimony is as follows:

PECULIARITIES OF OIL-TRAINS.

It takes longer to stop an oil-train than others, because the oil splashes and leaks all the time, more or less, on the brake; the brake then will not take hold. I am somewhat familiar with the track at New-Hamburg; the grade is about eight feet to the mile; the grade extends from the tunnel to the tank; an oil-train of twenty-six cars, running at the rate of twelve miles an hour, from in front of the Hamburg Depot, on a cold night, with frost on the rails, would require three-quarters of a mile to stop it; a little frost on a rail overnight acts like ice over which the wheels, even if set by a brake, would slide like a sled-runner; the broken axle might drag over frozen ground without harm; the tank would be left behind, and it would take the train unless the ties were somewhat raised and the ground was soft.

WHERE BRAKEMEN SHOULD BE.

If the brakemen are not at their places—at the front, centre and rear of the train—they break the rules of the road, and I am guilty of rule neglect of duty; such a night as that was, a brakeman could not be out in the cold for more than an hour; I would not like riding twelve miles on an oil-car that night; if the brakeman was out on that train, and saw the broken axle was, I should not think the jolt would be noticed when the ground was frozen.

TIME REQUIRED TO STOP AN EXPRESS TRAIN.

Between New Paltz and New Hamburg, with such an express-train going thirty-five miles per hour and all the brakes and equipments in good order, it might be stopped within one hundred rods; I should, on such a night as that, to make a sure thing, you would want one-half mile; I never applied the reversed brakes; but I can say that this Pacific Express train would require at least a half mile on that grade to stop; I should think from the looks of the eng

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 16.

HOMEOPATHIC PETITION.

Mr. SUMNER presented numerous petitions from citizens of Massachusetts for the establishment of a chair of homeopathy in the National Institute at Washington. Referred.

SIGNATURES VERIFIED.

Mr. POOL of North Carolina, submitted various affidavits from citizens of North Carolina to verify the signatures to a remonstrance recently presented by himself against the removal of the disabilities of Senator elect VANCE and Representative elect WADDELL of that State. The affidavits set forth that the signatures were made by a person deputed for that purpose at a public meeting, each of the signers coming up in person and requesting his name to be put down. This explained why they were in the same handwriting. On Mr. POOL's motion the affidavits and remonstrances were referred to the appropriate Committee.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, introduced a bill to encourage the laying of ocean telegraph cables, and to secure the same for the United States. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. FENTON, of New-York, introduced a bill for the extension of a patent for improvement in power looms for the manufacture of cotton. Referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. SAWYER, of South Carolina, introduced a bill to repeal the iron-clad oath. Referred to the Committee of the Judiciary.

BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, from the Committee on Pacific Railroad, reported with amendment a bill to enable the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company to mortgage its road, and for other purposes.

Mr. TIPTON, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported without amendment a bill authorizing the conveyance of inchoate pre-emption rights before the issue of patents.

Mr. CRAGIN, of New-Hampshire, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported without amendment the House bill providing for the recovery of damages for the loss of the sloop-of-war Oneida, and for the enlistment of 300 additional seamen in the United States Navy. Also a large number of private bills.

Mr. CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported back the House bill to prevent cruelty to animals while in transitu, and asked for its consideration.

Mr. COLE, of California, objected, in order that appropriation bills should not be further delayed.

On motion of Mr. SCOTT, of Pennsylvania, the House bill changing the time for holding the United States Circuit and District Courts at Erie, Penn., was passed.

RELIEF OF NAVAL CONTRACTORS.

Mr. NYE, of Nevada, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported back the bill for the relief of certain contractors for the construction of iron-clads of war and steam machinery, with the veto message of the President returning the bill with his objections. The question being, Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the President?—the yeas and nays were called in accordance with the constitutional requirement, and resulted, yeas 2—Messrs. ROSS and SAULSBURY—nays 57.

Mr. NYE then reported from the same Committee a bill similar to the one just disposed of, except that the clause in the former, objectionable to the President, was omitted, and a requirement that claims should be preferred within twelve months. He asked unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, objected.

PACIFIC RAILROADS.

Mr. THAYER, of Nebraska, offered a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire and report as to the right of the Treasury Department to retain all compensation for services rendered for the United States by the Union Pacific Railroad and its branches, to apply on the interest of the bonds issued by the United States to aid in the construction of said road.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, Chairman, said the Judiciary Committee had been considering the question for some time on a similar resolution of the Senate.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, thought the question entirely distinct from that embraced in the former resolution.

The resolution was then agreed to without objection.

THE PHILADELPHIA EXPOSITION.

Mr. CAMERON called up the House bill for a centennial celebration at Philadelphia in 1876. He said as but a few minutes remained of the morning hour, he would make no remarks upon the bill. It was well understood, and he apprehended no opposition.

At the request of several Senators the bill was read at length.

Messrs. CONKLING, of New-York, and BOREMAN, of West Virginia, called for the reading of particular portions, thus occupying the remainder of the morning hour, at the expiration of which the Legislative Appropriation bill came upon the unfinished business.

Mr. SCOTT appealed to Mr. COLE, Chairman of the Committee, to have a change of the latter bill to allow a vote to be taken upon the Philadelphia celebration. Prompt action upon it, he said, was necessary, so that the Pennsylvania Legislature might be applied to before its adjournment to authorize the erection of suitable buildings.

Mr. COLE declined to yield, in view of the delay which had already occurred upon the Appropriation bills, and the near approach of the day for adjournment.

APPROPRIATION BILL—JUDGES' SALARIES.

The Legislative Appropriation bill was then proceeded with, the question being upon an amendment to increase the salaries of United States District Judges.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, said the amendment was intended to do away with the present well-digested graduating scale of compensation for District Judges, and to pay them all alike $5,000 per annum, the aggregate increased expense amounting to $94,500. He argued that the present discrimination should be adhered to, because the judicial labors and expenses of living of some of the Judges far exceeded those of others, while this proposition was to provide as well for those who needed no increase as for those who did.

Mr. NYE, of Nevada, thought that, as the qualifications required for a Judge in every case were the same, no discrimination should be made in their pay.

Mr. CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, advocated the increase, believing the inevitable tendency of poor salaries was to rule poor men out of participation in the Government, and, as a rule, the character of official services was commensurate with the compensation.

The proposed increase was then retained in the bill—Yeas 30, nays 28.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, moved to make the salaries of Circuit Judges $6,000, instead of $7,500.

Messrs. BAYARD and SAULSBURY of Delaware, favored the larger sum, and Messrs. YATES, of Illinois, and HAMLIN of Maine, the lesser. Adopted.

The section increasing judicial salaries was then adopted, as amended; yeas, 35, nays 26.

The following is the scale:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	$8,500
Associate Justices of the Supreme Court	8,000
United States Circuit Court	6,000
Chief Justice of the Court of Claims and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia	6,000
Associate Justices of the Courts	5,000
United States District Judges	5,000

COLLECTION OF CLAIMS.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, from the Finance Committee, reported an amendment prohibiting hereafter the reopening of any accounts of claims, unless adjusted by special authority of the law or any action by the Treasury officers upon them, as have not been presented within six years from the date of their origin, and in the cases of infants or lunatics six years from the removal of disabilities. This is not to apply to claims from the late rebel States not admitted by law, or to individual cases of relief by special legislation.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, spoke of the circumlocution, the delay and trouble now attending the liquidation of Government claims in the departments, which he preferred to lessen rather than increase. In view of all the embarrassments and annoyances in the way he would never undertake to collect a claim from the Government, no matter how just. He objected to the amendment, because he thought an officer should be allowed to correct a palpable mistake in the settlement of a claim without coming to Congress for the purpose.

Mr. WARNER, of Alabama, thought the public service would be equally benefited by such a provision.

Mr. FOWLER, of Tennessee, believed that to add to the obstacles already imposed by law, would be to make it impossible for any citizen to collect a claim against the Government.

Mr. ROBINSON, of Vermont, referred to the Chorpenning claim as a case in which an Assistant Postmaster-General had resigned his position to take up a claim concerning which he had acquired valuable Government information through his official position.

The amendment was finally rejected as irrelevant to the bill.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, reported another amendment from the Finance Committee as a substitute for a similar amendment from the Committee on Appropriations, prohibiting any Government employe, for three years after his retirement from a Department, from being interested as agent or attorney in the prosecution of a claim before that Department.

Mr. TIPTON, of Nebraska, disapproved of the amendment. He could not agree that an American citizen should be disqualified from any employment because he had been employed by the Government at a miserable salary.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, thought the Government ought to encourage the dissemination of Department information for the benefit of honest claimants.

Messrs. NYE, of Nevada, and SAULSBURY, of Delaware, maintained that the Government had not power to prevent a man from earning a living in any legitimate business.

Mr. CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, said the proposition went upon the idea that claims against the Government, however just, were to be defeated by a suppression of the facts in the Departments. It was the duty of an honest officer to disclose to a claimant everything both for and against a claim.

Mr. ROBINSON, of Vermont, held that the information acquired by a clerk was the exclusive property of the Government and advocated the amendment. The amendment, and clauses similar one of the Committee on Appropriations, were then rejected.

Without final action on the bill the Senate, at 5 o'clock P. M., went into Executive Session and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AN EARLIER HOUR OF MEETING.

On motion of Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, it was ordered that on and after Saturday next the House shall meet at 11 o'clock.

PETITION.

Mr. STOKES, of Tennessee, presented a petition for a railroad charter from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Chattanooga, Tenn.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. WHEELER, of New-York, Chairman of the Committee on Pacific Railroads, gave notice that on Tuesday next, after the reading of the journal, he would report back the Southern Pacific Railroad bill for immediate action.

THE WEST POINT TROUBLES.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Military Committee on the West Point Academy troubles.

Mr. SHANKLIN, of Ohio, intimated his apprehension lest action on the subject would be a precedent, and that the House would have a West Point case every session. He had no objection to the resolution authorizing the restoration of the three cadets of the Fourth Class, but he was opposed to the second resolution ordering the expulsion of some cadets of the First Class, and the trial by Court-martial of the rest, and he believed that in adopting such resolution the House would be transcending its jurisdiction.

Mr. JOHNSON, of California, argued in support of the additional resolution offered by himself, ordering a Court of Inquiry into the conduct of the officers of the Academy. He charged that, as against one of the expelled cadets, (BARNES,) whom he himself had nominated to the Academy, they had evinced malignity and hate and been guilty of falsehood, and that the dropping of BARNES from the rolls for deficiency after a sham examination, was the most villainous portion of the whole transaction. He referred to Gen. UPTON's intimation as to the case with which BARNES could be got rid of, and said that his (JOHNSON's) district had been wounded in its dignity by the action of Gen. UPTON, who had fit to confer a position as pedagogue in a district school. He declared that the record made up against Mr. BARNES, after a false and spurious examination, was as false as hell; as false as the malignant heart of the scoundrel who made it.

Mr. SHERLADE, of Indiana, eulogized the character of Gen. PITCHER, the Superintendent of the Military Academy, and said that as a brave and gallant officer, as a man of discriminating judgment, and of a high sense of justice in all the relations of life, Gen. PITCHER had no superior in the army. He appreciated the delinquencies of the three cadets of the Fourth Class. They had been guilty of a grave violation of discipline; but that fact afforded no mitigation of legal justification for the conduct of the First Class. But, taking it altogether, he was disposed to treat the whole transaction as one of those exceptional and impulsive affairs that arise occasionally in all institutions of learning. He would vote for the first resolution, to restore the cadets to the Fourth Class, but he would vote against the second resolution. He asked to have printed in the *Globe*, as part of his remarks, the version of the affair given by the First Class and published in the New-York papers, and addressed to the Clerk's desk, and had read a letter, to himself, from Gen. PITCHER, invoking his (SHERLADE's) assistance to protect him from undeserved condemnation and from partisan malevolence, intimating that the Subcommittee which made the investigation did so with strong prejudices; that their sittings did not extend close enough, and that although he had earnestly entreated them to examine and investigate everything relating to the discipline of the Academy, they had examined but four cadets. Gen. PITCHER further says:

"I have carried a burden in the effort to harmonize the social relations between the colored cadet and his companions; no one else in the land has attempted; that effort will prove one of magnitude to any one who attempts it. It will be realized in Washington where the honorable members are in such close relations to those under which the cadets live.

Mr. COBURN, of Indiana, after commenting upon the facts in the case, expressed the idea that the three cadets of the Fourth Class should be punished slightly; that the cadets of the First Class should be punished more severely, and that the officers of the Academy should be visited with the severest reprehension.

Mr. SHANK, of Indiana, desired the people of his District to be represented in a protest against the West Point school. That school ought to be wiped out, and its interests spread among the several States, instead of being concentrated into a "School for Scandal," which had disgraced the nation.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. PACKARD, of Indiana, and STOUGHTON, of Michigan, in support of the resolutions, and by Mr. DYER, of Missouri, against it.

Mr. STOUGHTON commented upon Mr. SLOCUM's remarks the other day as to the son of President GRANT. He characterized it as a covert attack upon the President, which was not quite fair or chivalric, or worthy of the high character of Mr. SLOCUM. He asserted that that gentleman's insinuations were not supported by a single particle of evidence, as it appeared from the evidence that during the four years that Cadet GRANT had been in the Academy he had only written four times to his father to procure the remission of four sentences of his classmates.

Mr. E. BARNES, of Massachusetts, signified his idea that it was not the business of the House to undertake the regulation of the affairs at the Military Academy. He was in favor of the restoration of the three cadets of the Fourth Class, and of sending back the case of the First Class to the officers of the institution, with instructions to investigate it, and if, in the judgment of the House, the result arrived at was not correct, the House might then revise it.

Mr. LOGAN, of Illinois, differed entirely from the view of the gentleman from Massachusetts, (BARNES,) in reference to the power of Congress over the Military Academy, and argued in favor of the resolutions reported by the Committee.

The hour allowed for discussion having closed, Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, moved to reconsider the vote ordering the main question, so that he might have an opportunity of addressing the House, but the motion was rejected, and the House proceeded to vote on the resolutions and amendments.

The first vote was taken on the amendment offered by Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, to substitute for the second resolution of the Committee, directing the expulsion of the ringleaders of the First Class, and the court-martialing of the rest, a resolution depriving the First Class, on graduation, of the customary furlough.

The amendment was rejected—Yeas 97, nays 111.

The next vote was on Mr. JOHNSON's amendment, as an additional resolution, directing a Court of Inquiry into the conduct of the officers of the Academy.

The resolution was agreed to without the yeas and nays, the vote on division being 85 to 82.

The first resolution of the Committee, directing the restoration of Cadets BAIRD, BARNES and FLECKINGER, was agreed to without a division.

The next vote was on the second resolution of the Committee, directing the dismissal of the leaders and instigators of the First Class, and the Court-martialing of the others.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, moved to lay on the table this resolution, and the additional resolutions offered by Mr. JOHNSON. Negatived—Ss to 109.

The second resolution was then agreed to—yeas 115, nays 58.

PROTECTION OF LIFE ON STEAM-BOATS.

The House then, at 2½ o'clock, proceeded to the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. CONGER, of Michigan, from the Committee on Commerce, to provide for the better security of life on board vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam.

The bill contains seventy-one sections, covering fifty-five printed pages. It establishes regulations to be observed by steamers to guard against loss and danger from fire, leaking, explosions, or other accidents.

The bill was passed as a substitute for a Senate bill, and the House, at 4:40, adjourned.

Prof. Agassiz and His Life-Work.

In his address before the Joint Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature, asking for further endowment for the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge, Prof. AGASSIZ said:

"The museum has done something toward improving science in America. Twenty-four years ago I was present at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Cincinnati, where specimens from all parts of the West were brought together to be seen by the scientific men of the East, to be appreciated as evidence of the progress made in science in America. When one of the members of the Association moved that to make the best use of these collections they should be sent to Europe to be identified by paleontologists and zoologists of the Old World, to be returned to us as standard specimens for future advancement, I opposed that motion as earnestly as I could, stating that it would be an acknowledgment of inferiority on the part of America, from which we could never rise again; that there was already a beginning in scientific matters in the East which would make it possible to have those things worked out as well in America as they could be abroad. My motion was carried, and yet I remained under the imputation, which was loudly expressed by some, that I had carried a big job; that my motion had been made in order that I might have the benefit of describing those specimens, and thus raise my reputation. I resolved then, to myself, but never spoke of it before, that I would never decsribe an American fossil, and I have kept my resolve. The progress since then has been such that now an American student scouts the idea of sending a piece of work to a European ordeal. That is what the Museum has done for America. * * * I am old enough to be beyond all false modesty. I feel that I can do some service, and I have the most intense desire to do it. My whole thought is wrapped up in that museum, and I will tell you why. When I saw the importance of such an institution, I resolved that my work would have been the wisest thing for me to do—to go on writing or to devote my energies to building up a museum. I had then published two volumes of my contributions to the natural history of the United States. They met with much favor, such as no work of a similar kind has ever received in this country. To continue the work would have been the source of great income to me, but I thought I could do more good building up a museum. It is eight years since I have left off writing. It was not a want of desire to make contributions to science, or to rival the scientific men of Europe, who look upon me as though I had gone to sleep in the United States, and as though my usefulness had been wasted in popular efforts. I thought I knew what I was aiming at when I was trying to secure the lead in the progress of science in my adopted country, and I am just in a position which is the most critical of my life. A liberal help will place me in a position so complete that work within the time I may hope to live. Small help would bind me to do what cannot be done under those circumstances, and it would also prevent me from doing that kind of literary work for which I have some ability. So now, gentlemen, I appeal to you to be generous to your own public institutions."

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Line and Staff in the Navy.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Stevens bill, to regulate rank in the navy, &c., passed the House almost unanimously, was sent to the Senate, referred to their Committee on Naval Affairs, and by said Committee reported back to the Senate on the 16th inst., but so "amended" that it is in reality a most offensive line measure. The Senate Committee hastily, after hearing only the line side, (no consultation with the staff,) adopted the line prospectus, which the House Committee, after hearing both line and staff, satisfying themselves concerning the organizations and precedents in foreign navies, and after carefully studying the question for a year, rejected! The Senate Committee's "amendments" are that staff officers shall "rank with" instead of having the rank of certain grades, as it is in the army, where "it works well." This ranking "with" amounts to nothing, as the staff have realized these many long years. The line officers designate it (this "ranking with") as "a myth," "a humbug!" The next "amendment" is that the line who occupies the shifting position of so-called executive officer shall be given precedence over all staff officers whenever he (the executive officer) represents the Captain, and that is always. Nothing but positive, real, substantial rank (and this does not imply command, nor has any such pretense ever been made by the staff,) will satisfy the claims of justice—nothing else settle the difficulties in the navy.

Unpaid Letters and the Dead Letter Office.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I could wish we had some better "postal regulations" in regard to letters prepaid. The English laws, as I understand, are that all letters dropped in the Post-office are forwarded whether prepaid or not; those not prepaid are charged double postage, or a fine of a few cents is added. In December I wrote a letter to my son in San Francisco, Cal., and in my haste I omitted the stamp. The result was the letter was sent to the "dead letter office," Washington. Some ten days or a fortnight afterward my son received a circular from Washington saying a letter directed to him was held for postage, and if he would send a three cent stamp the letter would be forwarded. The stamp was sent and letter received after a loss of over three weeks' time. H. R.

ST. MARK'S-PLACE, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1871.

A Word from Mr. Sloan's Patrons.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Mr. SLOAN, in his published letters, so frequent of late, makes constant mention of our patrons, the commuters on the Morris and Essex Railroad, and evinces so much solicitude for their welfare, that the said patrons would feel more like returning Mr. SLOAN's kind regards if he would not confine himself to words merely, but would also express himself by acts; but as long as we have the same half-lighted cars, the same irregularity of the starting of the trains, and the same utter indifference to the wishes of the passengers, the commuters cannot return Mr. SLOAN's expressions, for we know that any one of us who may accidentally leave his ticket at home would be as unceremoniously ejected from the cars unless he paid his fare twice as we have been heretofore. COMMUTER.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1871.

The Hudson River Railroad Tunnels.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Now that the public is interested in the management of the Hudson River Railroad, it might be as well to state a fact well known to every regular traveler on this road, and which has happened on three different occasions to members of my family—with, fortunately, no serious result—viz.: that several of the tunnels have not been widened since the introduction of the newer and wider "palace cars," so that two express trains cannot pass in these places without striking fire, and on one occasion badly dismanting the roof of one of the cars. And generally making old travelers uneasy whenever they go through a tunnel on this road.

CONSTANT TRAVELER.

FISHKILL ON HUDSON, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1871.

Our Fractional Currency.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Has the time not yet arrived when we can substitute a metallic currency for one of rags? Of course I refer to what is known as fractional currency, the "greenbacks" being generally admitted to be the best currency we have ever had. In no other country is paper used as currency for such small amounts as here. Even in poor bankrupt Austria the smallest denomination of paper money is "one gulden," equal to about forty cents of our money, all smaller money being in silver and copper coins. Must we still continue to use dirty and ragged bits of paper which necessity has forced us to substitute? Nothing would be more popular among all classes of the people than to restore a metallic currency for all sums less than $1. And this would not be very difficult at the present time, the amount of fractional currency being only about $50,000,000, and the premium on silver being very small. If the Secretary of the Treasury has not sufficient authority to effect this change, application should be made to Congress this session to pass a law authorizing it. Our children are growing up, many of them having never even seen the gold or silver coin of the United States, and they are not likely to, unless some measures are taken soon to restore its circulation. ARGENT.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1871.

Galvanic Engines.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In view of some statements which have lately appeared in the public prints with reference to galvanic or electric engines, the following facts and figures with reference to the maximum possibilities of such machines may be of interest or use to some of your readers. What I shall here state is well known to all men of science, but is not so generally appreciated by the public at large.

The doctrine of conservation of force (now as well established as that of gravitation) teaches us that a certain maximum of force can be developed by the use of a given quantity of any material—as, for example, coal in a steam-engine, or zinc in a galvanic battery—which may be more or less completely utilized, but cannot be exceeded. Thus, a pound of coal burned in one minute, if applied without any loss whatever, would develop 332-horse power for that time; as applied in practice, in our ordinary engines, it develops but about twelve-horse power, all the rest being lost. We see here want a margin for improvement exists. We are getting but from three to five per cent. of the "good" out of our fuel, and we might suppose that some other way of developing force, if less wasteful, might be economical, even if a more costly material than coal were consumed.

All galvanic engines derive their power from the zinc consumed in the battery. Now, a pound of zinc consumed under the most favorable conditions (i. e., without any loss of effect whatever,) could yield thirty-five-horse power for one minute, or say about one-horse power for an hour, if applied to a machine in which there was no loss of effect.

An absolutely perfect galvanic engine, actuated by a perfect battery, could, then, at the best, develop but one-horse power per hour from each pound of zinc consumed in that time (strictly, .917 of a horse power.) Or, to develop two and a half horse power for ten hours would demand the consumption of about twenty-seven pounds of zinc, and this, be it remembered, without allowance for any loss in the battery, which we have to be very great, or in the machine to which power is to be applied. Now, a common steam-engine would require for the same work about 120 pounds of coal, or about four times the weight, but then coal is between fifty and sixty times cheaper than zinc. The weak point of the galvanic motor is then not only the high cost of zinc, but the low efficiency of that material, being but about one-sixth that of coal, weight for weight.

HENRY MARTON.

STEVENS' INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HOBOKEN, N. J., Monday, Feb. 13, 1871.

P. S.—I am well aware of Rev. Mr. HIGHTON's defense of "perpetual motion" in the case of electro-magnets; but his conclusions, like all to the same effect, rest simply on an oversight.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND GENERAL.

The third party in New-Hampshire is not large enough to cast a shadow over the prospects of the Republicans.

There are twenty-eight savings banks in Massachusetts out of Boston having deposits exceeding one million dollars.

Boston is to hold a mass-meeting to rejoice over the unity of Italy, and it is claimed that some of its most fearless and influential citizens will address it.

Some of the Vermonters clamor for an extra session of the Legislature, as there is doubt about the legality of the work done by the State Averaging Committee.

San Francisco expects to become the Paris of the Pacific Coast, (as Paris was before the great war!) but admits that it must first erect a new and grand City Hall.

A Boston man asks the city to compensate him for the death of his son, which, he claims, was caused by the cruel treatment of a teacher in one of the public schools.

The Maryland Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, prevented an attempt in Baltimore to compel a horse to trot twenty miles within two hours carrying 1,000 pounds weight.

The redwood forests of California furnish nearly all of the ties used for the construction of railroads on the Pacific Coast. A few pine and oak ties are used, but these woods decay rapidly.

A San Francisco policeman arrested a man the other day who called him a liar, and locked him up on the charge of using vulgar language. Here is a chance for a judicial opinion on the subject.

A man who registered himself at a hotel in Scranton, Penn., as W. A. MCKEAN, of St. Louis, was arrested on Sunday, on suspicion that he was one of the robbers of the Kensington Bank in Philadelphia.

The late CHARLES E. FALSTEIN, of San Francisco, left a bequest of $15,000, to be equally divided among the Protestant Orphan Asylum, the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, and the Ladies' Protection Relief Society.

A Boston hotel-keeper, who sued a man for leaving without paying for his board, has lost his case. The defendant told him when he put up at the hotel that he had no money, and the plaintiff admitted the fact.

Acting Gov. CALDWELL, of North Carolina, has declined to appoint a day for the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention, the Supreme Court of the State having declared the Convention bill passed by the Legislature unconstitutional.

The San Francisco Board of Police Commissioners has forbidden Police officers to act as solicitors for lawyers. It was well known that officers often received a percentage for obtaining clients, some lawyers paying one-half the fees received by them.

A suit brought to recover insurance on a propeller which exploded her boilers at Buffalo, in May, 1869, has been decided in the United States Court, at Detroit, in favor of the insurance company, the defense having shown that the boilers had been defective for over two years, and that this fact was known.

A man named WILLIAM WILSON, confessed on his death bed, a few days ago, that he was one of the murderers of the Supervisor of the Town of Spaulding, in Saginaw County, Mich., in February, 1864, and that in September of the same year, he also killed his accomplice in that murder because he refused to divide the booty then obtained.

The Pittsburg *Commercial* has a telegram from Philadelphia, reporting that the Democratic leaders are seeking to introduce Tammany tactics there, to wrest control of the municipal affairs from the Republicans. The dispatch says: "One hundred thousand dollars has been raised for the subornation of Republican members, and is at the disposal of a leading Democratic member of the House."

Gen. N. B. FORREST telegraphed from this City to a friend in the Alabama Legislature, on the 11th inst., in these terms: "The State credit is sinking fast. Radical papers charge intentional repudiation on the Democratic Party South, and unless the State pays interest promptly, irreparable ruin awaits the railroad and State credit. Urge the party to act immediately." The party does not act.

Speaking of the Miller divorce trial in Portland, Me., the Boston *Journal* says, with entire truth, that the evidence utterly failed to sustain the insinuations against Judge GEORGE F. SHEPLEY, and that he passed through the ordeal without the slightest stain upon his good name, and to the satisfaction of all those friends who are proud of his services in the army and of his reputation in his present responsible position.

Mr. FRANKLIN H. STORY, of Boston, died on Monday, aged seventy-six years. He was one of the twenty-two children of the late Dr. ELISHA STORY, of Marblehead, a noted man of the American Revolutionary Army, and brother of the late Judge JOSEPH STORY. The *Transcript* says that he was a dignified, courteous, liberal and intelligent gentleman of the old school, whose life was of great usefulness. By his death the aged and destitute have lost a steadfast friend.

Speaking of the discoverer of gold in California, Gen. SUTTER once said: "Oh, he's gone away oop in de Mountains, hunting after de big loomps!" Poor MARSHALL's anticipations of finding the big lumps never were realized; and, discouraged and disheartened, he has lived for years in a tumble-down tenement, within view of the scene of the discovery which has rendered his name famous, gaining barely the necessaries of life by raising poultry and grapes. It is to be hoped that he may realize something from his newly-published biography.

In the course of a recitation, the other day, Prof. DWIGHT, the genial head of the Columbia College Law School, alluded to some much-needed law reforms, and said that Gov. HOFFMAN had recommended in his last Message that the law be so modified as to permit taking the depositions of witnesses in criminal cases, instead of detaining them in goals. Prof. DWIGHT, commenting upon this suggestion, remarked that he "much doubted if the Legislature would pass any such law, as it was not in the interest of criminals."

On the afternoon of Feb. 3, as the Cunard steamer *Calabria*, from Liverpool, was on its way to Boston, one of her passengers deliberately slipped down a rope over the side, and dropped into the water. The *Traveller* says other passengers gave the alarm, and the life-boat was lowered at once, but in the meantime the suicide turned upon his back, laughed hideously, and disappeared. It was thought he was a wealthy Staffordshire farmer, who was on his way to this country to purchase lands in Kansas, as he had maps, plans, bonds for deeds, &c. His name appeared upon the purser's books as GEORGE SMITH.

A Boston paper tells a sad story of an old woman who is frequently seen in the streets of that city in poor, thread-bare and fantastic garb, carrying in her hands and upon her person the greater part of her little store of worldly goods, such as extra clothing, dishes, articles of food, &c., that she may preserve them from thieves, who she fancies will, in her absence, break into her humble domicile and steal. In her youth she was beautiful, and the daughter of wealthy parents, ranking socially among the first in Boston. Her means and inclinations invited her to deeds of charity, and this work she prosecuted with such laborious and self-sacrificing fidelity as to injure her health and plant the seeds of the mental malady which now shrouds her life. From a variety of causes she has gradually fallen from the aid and control of her family and old friends, and has resorted to mendicancy for a livelihood. She tells, with a sad and morbid levity, of begging food at the kitchens of residences on Mt. Vernon-street, where she and her family used to visit as the equals of their wealthy inmates.

The approach of Lent has drawn from Bishop COXE, of Western New-York, his customary address, in which he says that many things call us to humiliation and contrition with special force at this time. In particular, he says: "Appalling accidents by land and sea; the distresses of nations; the woes and wants of millions of our fellow-men; the signs of the times;—all these conspire to bid us to 'be sober, and watch unto prayer.' The example of the gayest capital in the world has long been our temptation and our snare. We have followed greedily, as a people, the sensuality and extravagance of Paris. Does it not become us to apply to ourselves the judgments which God has sent upon her, and to feel that we are by no means less guilty than those whose sufferings are so severe?"

HAVANA MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP MISSOURI.

The steam-ship *Missouri*, which left Havana on Feb. 11, reached this port yesterday. By the courtesy of her Purser our special correspondence was promptly delivered at this office.

Summary of the Situation—Approaching End of the Insurrection—Movements, Expeditions and Fights—Miscellaneous Gossip.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 11, 1871.

The surrenders in the Central Department continue in larger numbers than ever. Not a day passes without the arrival of a few dozen men at Puerto Principe or some neighboring fort. To give an idea of the numbers who come in from the country, to place themselves under the protection of the Spanish troops, I give a report for a few days: On the 28th there arrived 155 persons; on the 30th, 65; on Feb. 3, 256; on Feb. 4, 200, and on the 6th, 209. These figures speak for themselves, and prove that families are no longer able to live in the country, where they are in a continuous state of alarm, and are robbed by isolated marauding bands of pretended patriots, or by some of Col. ACOSTA's "pet lambs." Among those who have surrendered is Dr. JOSE LLANGA, the second in command of the Monitors band. Gens. IGNACIO AGRAMONTE and LORENZO CARVILLO were at Los Cacicques on the 25th and 26th of January, and on the 1st of February were near Vista Lermosa. Among the Cubans killed near Cascono were RAMON PALOMARES, FO. GONZALES, JOSE BENAVIDES and RAMON BENAVIDES; another BENAVIDES, the Provost of the district, escaped. Among the killed at El Irlandes was the Cuban General, YICLAR, or as another statement has it, URLANGA, a native of Mexico. The report is current that the Cubans are much demoralized, and that a forced draft has been put into operation, from which even the aged are not exempt; and this may be the reason for so many persons coming within the Spanish lines. Some of these *presentados* have to undergo a great many hardships before reaching Puerto Principe, and after their sufferings in the woods, and the difficulty of escaping from the Cuban forces, they are compelled to march long distances. A correspondent of the Havana *Diario* writes, from Puerto Principe, that the insurrection is drawing to an end. The country is deserted, not only by the women and children, but also by able-bodied men, who run the risk of being caught on the way and hung. Many walk fourteen and sixteen leagues. Among those who arrived from Los Chimeheros was a lady eighty years of age. Captains of townships, officers, prefects, provosts, and others who "amounted to anything" in the Republic of Cuba, are in a hurry to leave their offices, and accept the clemency of the Spanish Government. On the 15th the term of VALMASEDA offering pardon to the rebels expires, and it is probable that until then the surrendors will be very numerous. The correspondent also refers to the wretched condition of the surrendered in Puerto Principe.

MOVEMENTS, EXECUTIONS, FIGHTS.

The Spanish Gen. FELIX FERRER, a native Cuban, who has commanded in the jurisdiction of Holguin, has been sent to assume command of the jurisdiction of Las Tunas, where the Cubans have remained in almost undisturbed possession since the outbreak of the revolution. SALVADOR SANTOS, who had been Gen. FORTUN's Adjutant, and who went to the Eastern Department after FORTUN's death, had been killed near Baire. A Corporal of the battalion of Bailen, near Baire, with about fifteen men, while patrolling in the woods, came across several women, whom he sent to camp under an escort. But he kept a very intelligent little girl to show him the way to the camp of the Cuban leader, PEDRO ACOSTA. The girl led him there, and, on being discovered, firing began on both sides, when the Corporal took the little girl by the hand, went into the middle of the road, and asked her to point ACOSTA out to him. The girl did so, the Corporal took aim, and killed ACOSTA, and the rest fled.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

MIGUEL CRUZ GOMEZ and LUIS ANTONIO JAUREGUI were executed at Trinidad on the 1st. The insurgent officer ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ was executed at Cienfuegos. The Spaniards shot him in the very yard of the house where he was born and brought up. RODRIGUEZ was about twenty-five years of age and enjoyed considerable influence. Eight men belonging to his company surrendered to the Spaniards afterward. The Cubans have twelve sugar-cane plantations near Trinidad, Cienfuegos and Sancti Spiritus...The famous insurgent leader JESUS DEL SOL is acting as a guide to the troops to hunt up his countrymen and have them shot, according to the Havana journals. There is nothing very improbable in this statement, as it is a thing of frequent occurr in Cuba. The United States frigate *Severn*, with Admiral LEE, arrived from Kingston, Jamaica, on Thursday. The Admiral called on VALMASEDA on Friday, and it is rumored that VALMASEDA will give him an official dinner. The frigate *Congress* sailed yesterday, for Hayti, to look after American interests and to find out something about the *Tennessee*. The sugar crop is yielding poorly and the merchants, who were hitherto afraid to buy at high prices, have entered the market. QUASIMODO.

ART.

Academy of Design.

Among the pictures of the latest Academy exhibition, Nos. 401 and 409—a pair of California landscapes which were not placed on exhibition until very late in the season—are exceptionally worthy of notice, because they introduce to the public a young and hitherto unknown artist of marked originality and merit. The pictures are badly placed—in the corridors on either side of the entrance to the south room—but may be viewed to advantage during the earlier hours of a sunny afternoon. Mr. WM. KEITH, their author, now claiming citizenship in California, is a native of New-England, who began his career as a wood engraver and undertook to sketch from nature and paint in oil only about thirty months ago. Since then he has studied in Dusseldorf during less than a year. These facts alone would make the pictures interesting, were they less meritorious than they are, for, being early works, they indicate what may be expected in the future. They tell what talent, industry, fidelity, a skilful hand, a natural eye for color and a regard for the plain truths of nature can do, and they give a hint at what practice and experience will presently add to these powers. Not that any apology is needed for these works even as they are. The subjects are ambitious for a young man. But American art is born ambitious, and its passion for grand scenes has been encouraged by CHURCH and BIERSTADT. It prefers the grandiose in landscape, for the reason that landscape presents the first attractions, and that American landscape is on an immense scale. But the peculiarity of KEITH's pictures is their unpretentiousness. They are wholly free from affectation. As DICKENS would have said, they are dramatic, but not theatrical. They strive after no startling effects. Nothing is overdrawn or overcolored. There are no tricks of light and shade, no artificial points put in to create illusion or excite interest. The sincerity of the work prevents its being noticed. To appreciate it the visitor must stand before the pictures longer than usual, picture up pillow fo 'em, "then look common-place, whereon they are simply truthful, and the quality that is within them develops itself slowly. Those of us who are familiar with the peculiarities of California scenery, of course possess a key to some of the effects that one who has never been on the Pacific slope does not hold. Every region has its own atmosphere, its features of tree and rock, its tints of foliage, its hues of water and sky, and what seems too faint, or too warm to the stranger, is accepted as correct by the native. But all can see in the "Tamalpais" (an isolated mountain of the California coast range) the excellence of the hazy atmosphere warmed by the setting sun; all can judge of the truth of the perspective and appreciate the distance between the range of low hills in the middle ground and the mountain towering beyond; all can perceive the touch of a genuine artist in the delicate yet strong handling of the fog-bank that comes rolling inland from the Pacific like a heavy cloud. A painter of partial violent effects of the Bierstadt school might have worked up either of these points in a way to make it seem the conspicuous feature of the piece. The modesty which keeps every part duly in its place and tones the whole down to the quiet, sober level of nature is one of her most tranquil moods, is not the least title this young artist has to our praise. The "Tamalpais" is, at first view, the more attractive painting, from the greater variety of objects in it—the forest of trees, the strong middle and foreground, the activity of the sky. But the picture of "

THE EXILES IN BROOKLYN.

Reception and Parade Yesterday—The Affair a Battery—General Turn-out of Politicians, Hacks—Review by the Mayor.

No better illustration has been recently given of the fact that there is a point beyond which even Irishmen cannot be hoodwinked, than the character of the display that was made at the procession in honor of the Irish exiles in Brooklyn yesterday. It was announced several days ago that at least 10,000 Irishmen would turn out in the procession, besides nobody knew how many more Americans and foreigners of other nationalities. The astonishment of the politicians who were running the affair may, therefore, be judged of when it was discovered that not more than 2,000 voters had put in an appearance for parade, and many of these were men more noted for their influence around bar-rooms than among honest men. The explanation of this state of affairs was evident at once. Irishmen, while willing to do all honor to the exiles, had discovered that the procession was a political move and nothing more. The streets, however, were densely packed with spectators, and consolation may have been drawn from that source by the Committee, which was composed of Aldermen Clancy, Richardson, Dunn, Nolan, Stewart, McCarthy and Farrell. All the public buildings were amply adorned in Sand, while the streets along which the procession passed had been entirely cleared of snow at the City's expense.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the body got under way in the following order: Mounted Police, Carriage containing Chief Campbell and Hon. D. D. Bergen, President of the Board of Aldermen; Grand Marshal Kelly and Aids, Cavalry with drawn sabres, Band, Squadron of Police, Marshals, Seventy-one carriages containing the exiles, City officials and citizens, Ancient Order of Hibernians, No. 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, No. 14, Emmet Guards, Ancient Order of Hibernians, No. 14, Artillery, Police.

The line of march lay along Fulton-street and Court to Atlantic-avenue, along Atlantic to Hanson-place, thence through Clinton-avenue to Myrtle, along that to the City Hall, where the whole turnout was reviewed by the Mayor. The exiles were warmly received everywhere with manifestations of approval, but apart from that there were no indications of enthusiasm given.

Of the ten carriages that led the procession it is safe to say at least half were filled by gin sellers and corner loafers, the remainder, with but few exceptions, were occupied by the politicians of the rotten side of the City. The conduct of some of the latter was in a few respects exceedingly impeding; they had, for instance, almost without exception, supplied themselves with green kid gloves, which they lost no opportunity of displaying when there was a crowd to see it, while a plentiful quantity of chewing-tobacco is their mouths, the juice of which they with great dignity kept squirting from time to time over the carriage-wheels, while others, of more grave deportment, consoled themselves with cigar Havanas—so that, taken all in all, their appearance was to the last degree impudent.

How fully the exiles enjoyed the affair it would be difficult to say, but if they be men of any culture we should judge their carriage company would be found by them to be of no very interesting character. In the first vehicle rode O'DONOVAN ROSSA and Gen. BURKE, accompanied by a Catholic priest, a well-dressed scholar from the Fifth Ward, Alderman CLANCY, keeper of a gin saloon, and noted in a small way for his connoisseurship in pugilism and dog fancying. "Jim" DUNN, Alderman for the Sixth Ward, of note noted for his deeds in the prize-ring, but now remarkable for being without any intelligible reason of being (unless it be because the Aldermanic responsibility) brought up the rear in the second carriage, while still another worthy, Alderman DWYER, of the Tenth, interested those in one third carryvanns. The others were treated in like manner, but these specimen bricks give a fair idea of the whole company. Nothing will in all this be found to redeem one opinion in regard to the matter, viz.: that the procession was a miserable failure.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Renewal of the Investigation by the Congressional Committee.

Senator PATTERSON, of the Congressional Committee of Investigation into the affairs of the Custom-house, had an interview with Collector MURPHY, yesterday, during which the agents of the Williams & Guion line of steamers were invited to express their views respecting the effect which the contemplated orders of the Collector with reference to the withdrawal of night permits and the withholding of general orders until forty-eight hours after the entry of the vessel would have upon the business of their lines. The opinion of the agents was that if only those goods were to be landed within forty-eight hours after the vessel had been docked, there would be no necessity for night permits. Steamers were discharged in five days now, and this was ample time. The following letter was shown the Committee from the agent of the Inman line:

NEW-YORK, Feb. 14.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry respecting the payment of General Order charges by the various steam-ship lines, I beg to say, that for the past four years, the City has been the only port where it has been the custom to pay so that impertinent charge, incurred whenever the goods have been sent to store within forty-eight hours after the vessel has arrived at the dock. In this port I can positively state is the course pursued by all other lines. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

It was further stated that the goods thus sent to store can remain for sixty days without further charge. The demands of the store-keeper are paid by the merchant, but deducted from his freight bills when he comes to settle them.

Collector MURPHY states that he contemplates asking the Secretary of the Treasury for authority to appoint additional deputy collectors, whose duty it shall be to supervise the work of the stevedores on board vessels, and to report to the Collector the conduct of the merchant or the steam-ship companies. These deputies will report to the Collector daily, in order that he may be fully informed concerning the business of the Inspectors. The Congressional Committee will hold another session to-day, when they will take testimony of Collector MURPHY and other officers of the Custom-house.

Department of Docks—Weekly Meeting.

A regular weekly meeting of the Board of Docks was held yesterday, President AGNEW in the chair, and a full Board present.

The Board ordered Mr. J. YOUNG to dredge the south side of the pier at the foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth-street, East River. The owners of the bulkhead between piers Nos. 1 and 4 North River were ordered to place a "backing" piece along the bulkhead. A. T. Stewart & Co. were permitted to use the dock adjacent to Pier No. 1 North River, with the understanding that they pay $1,000 per annum for the use of the same.

Attention was called to a [illegible] from J. M. BOYD and others, agreeing to build the pier at foot of One Hundred and Fourteenth-street, Harlem River. It was referred to a committee to examine the same and report what right they had to dispose of the same. The Executive Committee recommended the removal of the floating repair-shop on Pier No. 4 North River, belonging to the Atlantic Mail Steam-ship Company. Laid over for one week.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The following [illegible] of Appeals day calendar for Feb. 17: 100, [illegible] 15, 19, 20, 21, 22.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT AND SUPREME COURT.

Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Short Causes.

Nos. 172—Clapp vs. Ostrander. 275—Peace vs. Manby. 276—Linn vs. Cassidy. 277—Hall vs. Elliott. 2627—Whitney vs. Cheever. 2672—Johnson vs. Van Mon-Grand et al. 1869—Sabor et al. vs. Bainbridge. 1411—Sherlock vs. Whitney. 1199—Hildich vs. Fond. 1325—Bodine et al. vs. Carroll. 1260—Fassin, &c., vs. Hub. 2309—Rappaln vs. Trot et al. 1812—Mechleimer vs. Johnson.

Nos. 125—Ogden vs. Newton. 111—Stevens vs. N. Y. and Orange Co. Mfg. and Mining Co. 119—Fielding vs. Collyer. 122—Saltus vs. Saltus. 89—Gillies, Ex., Sur. Mutual Ins. Co. 91—Mumford vs. Mich. Cent. 129—Dennis vs. Hilliard. 124—May vs. May. 125—Halsted vs. Merrick. 126—Ossent vs. Roe. 127—Gardner vs. Gardner. 128—Kimes vs. Kimes. 129—Berg vs. Sunsway.

Nos. 130—Foster vs. Tuxedo Manfg. Co. 131—Woodruff vs. Naylor. 132—Fisk, Jr., vs. Albany and Sus. R. R. Co. 133—Patterson vs. Van Beuren. 134—Mitchell vs. Read. 135—Schmidt vs. Levy. 136—Rosbecker vs. Levy. 137—Sewall vs. Duncomb. 138—Tyng vs. Commercial Warehouse Co. 139—Mahill vs. Hamlin. 140—Same vs. Same. 141—Clements vs. Sturtevant.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Part I.—Held by Monell, J.

Short Causes.

Nos. 852—McClellan vs. Fayette. 1268—Schwarzer vs. Whitney. 1220—Bixby vs. Pomeroy. 1237—Crane vs. Miller. 1242—Ochs vs. Birdsall. 1243—Ochs vs. Morris. 1105—St. John vs. Skinner. 1262—Hart vs. Frank. 1229—Bishop vs. Hayes. 1189—Schermerhorn vs. West Savings Bank. 1079—Quackenbos vs. Kittenhouse. 1274—Fessenden vs. Pomeroy. 1275—Fessenden vs. Pomeroy. 1227—Rice vs. Clark.

Nos. 1230—Morse vs. Hicks Manuf. Co. 1240—Hallgarten vs. Pinkham. 1236—Wright vs. Equitable Life Insurance Co. 1205—Freeman vs. Rosekrans. 1170—Meyers vs. Smith. 1138—Pond vs. Calmet. 1064—Wharton vs. Rogers. 946—Rosenthal vs. Wendel. 1083—Hage vs. Brannagan. 1207—Mann vs. Cornell. 39—Mutual Life Ins. Co. vs. Soulter.

Part II.—Held by Jones, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos. 1252—Smith vs. Miller. 1270—Morgenthau vs. Hoenley. 824—Gerken vs. Platte.

Nos. 1204—Kobbe vs. Gerding. 1178—French vs. Wheeler. 1247—Koehler vs. Stewart.

COMMON PLEAS.

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Set Down Causes.

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Nos. 822—McGaffel vs. Pearce.

General Calendar.

Nos. 724—Schaeffer vs. Hudson. 725—Phelps vs. Pokery vs. Knifen. 729—Schweizer vs. Greenfield. 730—Bennett vs. Cottenet. 731—Farley vs. O'Brien. 732—Stratton vs. Pohalski. 734—Hammerstein vs. McSorgan.

Nos. 732—Caldwell vs. Nellson. 733—Brooklyn vs. Cummings. 736—Mason vs. Gray. 737—King vs. Beaumont. 738—Roberts vs. Broadway and Seventh-avenue Railroad Company.

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Set-down Causes.

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Part III.—For the Trial of Equity Causes.

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Nos. 2152—Hitchcock vs. Fernald. 2153—Moses vs. Hamberger. 2154—Schlier vs. Foster. 2155—Shepard vs. Dingee. 2156—Berg vs. Wolf. 2157—Barry vs. Cushing. 2158—Burns vs. Walsh. 2159—Barry vs. U. S. Trust Co.

Part II.—Held by Shea, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos. 2002—Dillon vs. Birkley. 2026—Mayer vs. Meanwell. 2149—Brenning vs. Bernstein. 2260—Moses vs. Simmons. 2264—Rank vs. Cohen. 2265—Hall vs. Kempel. 2646—Hull vs. Newton. 2004—Devine vs. Spencer. 2005—Rosenblatt vs. Hernstein.

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Part III.—Held by Curtis, J.—Calendar called at 11 A. M.

Nos. 2762—McLeave vs. Lum. 2402—Bonsal vs. Shaler. 2014—Stranss vs. Frank. 2272—Brown vs. Dannmann. 2464—Lake vs. Salem.

Nos. 2763—Humphrey vs. Randolphy. 2440—Schmuckall vs. Dannmann.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

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1—The People vs. John Williams; burglary. 2—The People vs. Edward Hoyt, John Kane; grand larceny. 3—The People vs. George Handcraze; burglary. 4—The People vs. Charles Irwin; burglary. 5—The People vs. John Shaw, James Clarke, Thos. O'Robinson, Winfield Johnson; burglary. 6—The People vs. Edward Maloney; robbery. 7—The People vs. William Webb; grand larceny. 8—The People vs. George [illegible]; grand larceny. 9—The People vs. Ann Lovett; grand larceny.

10—The People vs. William Howard; grand larceny. 11—The People vs. Peter Oakes, Paul Brown; grand larceny. 12—The People vs. George Spence; grand larceny. 13—The People vs. Charles Hammond, John Burns; grand larceny. 14—The People vs. Isaac Levy; grand larceny. 15—The People vs. Manual Pardo, Joseph Martinez; grand larceny. 16—The People vs. Leopold Kurtz, Regina Kurtz; receiving stolen goods. 17—The People vs. Thomas Smith; felonious assault and battery. 18—The People vs. Michael Donnelly; felonious assault and battery.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Demurrer.

No. 19—Logan vs. Brown.

Issues of Law and Fact.

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The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 1871.

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RICHELIEU. Characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Barrett, Rhodides, Miss Fateman, Miss Livingston and others.

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G. L. RICHELIEU, (Burlesque.) Leading characters by Mr. G. L. Fox and Misses Ada Harland and Lillie Eldridge.

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FOURTEENTH-STREET THEATRE.
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KING LEAR. Leading character by Edwin Forrest.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

No new elections for Deputies will be necessary in Paris. M. GREVY has been elected President of the National Assembly, receiving 419 of the 526 votes cast. The *Journal des Débats* says M. THIERS is universally regarded as the future President of France, with FAVRE, PICARD and BUFFET as members of the Ministry. A London dispatch says Count BISMARCK will consent to an extension of the armistice for five days, in view of certain preparations in the South of France for calling out the military class of 1871. A telegram to the London Times from Berlin says the terms of peace proposed by Count BISMARCK are "comparatively moderate." The capitulation of Belfort has been signed, and the garrison has withdrawn with arms and baggage. The arms of the garrison of Paris have all been delivered up to the Germans. Gen. CHANZY's reports show that M. GAMBETTA'S "victories" were fictions, and that the army was in a very bad condition. He is said to have advised the postponement of French "revenge."

The Queen of Spain has arrived at Nice, en route to Madrid. It is said that the husband of the Ex-Queen ISABELLA has offered to take the oath of allegiance to King AMADEUS....Capt. MACKAY and three other Fenians sailed from Queenstown on the 15th for the United States.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, among the bills introduced was one to encourage the laying of ocean telegraph cables, and one for the repeal of the "iron-clad" test oath. The House bill providing for the recovery of damages for the loss of the *Oneida* was reported, as was that for the prevention of cruelty to animals on railroads. The bill for the relief of certain naval contractors, which was lately ordered by the President, was again put on its passage, and rejected by a vote of 2 to 37. A resolution was adopted directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the right of the Treasury Department to retain compensation for services rendered by the Pacific Railroad, and apply it to the interest on bonds issued to the road. The bill for a Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia in 1876 was taken up, but a vote was staved off till the expiration of the morning hour. The Appropriation bill was then resumed, and the provisions relating to Judges' salaries finally agreed upon. They fix the salary of Chief-Justice at $8,500; Associate Judges, $8,000; Circuit Judges, $6,000; District Judges, $5,000. An amendment prohibiting the reopening of claims after six years from their origin was rejected, as was one prohibiting persons formerly Government employes from acting as attorneys in prosecuting claims in the same department within three years after leaving it. No action was reached on the bill itself.

In the House a motion was agreed to for meeting at 11 o'clock after this week. Notice was given that the Southern Pacific Railroad bill would be reported for immediate action on Tuesday next. The report of the Committee on the difficulties at West Point was then taken up and discussed further. Some of the speakers commented severely on the Academy at West Point and its managing officers. The report was finally adopted, together with the additional resolution directing an investigation into the conduct of the officers of the institution. Mr. BUTLER's substitute, punishing the First Class only by a loss of their Summer furlough, was rejected by a vote of 97 to 111. The bill for the security of life on steam-boats was then taken up, and, after consideration, passed as a substitute for the Senate bill on the same subject. It establishes regulations providing against loss or danger from fire, leaking, explosion and other accidents.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate yesterday was the Annual Tax bill for the construction of new work upon, and extraordinary repairs of, the canals; also, a bill fixing holidays and days of grace with reference to negotiable paper—naming Jan. 1, Feb. 22, July 4 and Dec. 25, together with such day as shall be appointed by the President of the United States, as the day of thanksgiving, as public holidays, and providing that upon all negotiable paper hereafter made there shall not be any days of grace. A bill was also introduced to authorize the Mayor of New-York to nominate to the Board of Aldermen an additional member of the present Board of Excise Commissioners. In the Assembly, the Brooklyn Water bill came back amended by the Senate so as to limit the expenditure to $1,400,000, and was repassed. The Canal Board, in response to a resolution, reported that the enlarging of the canal locks, now under contract, on the Western Division of the Erie Canal, was unnecessary and inexpedient, for the reasons that the canal is already twice as large as the demands of transportation required; that the enlargement of these locks would necessitate the enlargement of the whole canal, which would cost $60,000,000. The communication was ordered to be printed. The report of Hon. DAVID A. WELLS and the other Commissioners, on the best method of State taxation, was received from the Governor, who, in a special message, urged early and effective action upon it. It was ordered to be printed. The bill to widen and straighten Broadway was received from the Senate, and the amendments of that body were concurred in by a vote of 97 to 34. The Governor returned the bill to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Tompkinsville, S. I., with the objection that the object could be attained under the general laws, and the objection was sustained. The Hell Gate Pilotage bill was discussed in Committee and afterward in the House, and at length was referred back to the Committee.

GENERAL.

Rear-Admiral LEE telegraphed to the Navy Department from Key West Feb. 15, in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary, that he had no news of the Tennessee, and expected none before the arrival of the Tybee at New-York about the last of the month, and, further, that he believes "she is all right."

The Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Federal Relations reported resolutions, yesterday, representing that the arbitrary and unfriendly actions of the Canadians toward American fishermen constitutes a grievance demanding the attention and protection of the General Government.

Lieut.-Commander GEORGE DEWEY is to command the store-ship *Supply*, which is to sail from this port for France, with a cargo of food for the suffering people of that country.

Argument began yesterday in Washington before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue on the question of the payment of the tax on the scrip dividends by the New-York Central Railroad Company, and will be continued on Thursday next.

The jury failed to agree in the Bowen bigamy case, in Washington, after being out all Wednesday night, and were yesterday morning discharged. They stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

The Mechanics' Cotton-mill at Swift Creek, near Petersburg, Va., was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. The loss is $70,000; insured for $38,000.

A flotilla of fifteen British gun-boats is expected at Nassau, N. P., three of which remain there, and the others go to Jamaica. Rations for a battalion of infantry are also ordered. The Legislature is considering measures to prevent the exportation of arms.

The Republicans of the Fourth Congressional District, in Convention at Bridgeport, Conn., yesterday, nominated GEORGE COWLES, of Salisbury, for Congress.

The National Executive Committee of the Union League of America met yesterday, in Philadelphia, and adopted resolutions which are to be embodied in an address to the people of the United States.

An effort is to be made in Arkansas to impeach the Attorney-General, because judgments had been obtained against the State on militia vouchers, as is alleged, through his willful negligence. The Supreme Court overruled the demurrer in the Lieutenant-Governor's case, two Judges dissenting. The case will come up on its merits on Friday. After the adjournment, Chief-Justice WALDRON tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Governor.

Work has been resumed in seven collieries near Shamokin, and those at St. Clair, Penn., and the Philadelphia Coal Company are preparing to resume work.

Nine more Japanese students have reached San Francisco, among them a Prince, by the steam-ship *Great Republic* from Yokohama. Small-pox was epidemic in the latter city, and several of the crew of the United States steamer *Benicia* had died of it. Messrs. DALLAS and RING, teachers in a Japanese college, were attacked with swords and cut down on the 12th of January. They were frightfully but not fatally injured. Mr. SEWARD had left Hong Kong for Singapore.

The argument in the Rulloff case was closed at Albany yesterday, and the Court took the papers. The decision will be rendered in a few days.

The State Canal Board made the following appointments yesterday: WM. J. WHEELER, Superintendent Section 1, Erie Canal, reappointed; DAVID S. REED, Superintendent Section 3, Erie Canal, in place of EDWARD SHANAHAN.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, member of the High Commission, leaves Ottawa for Washington on the 1st of March. Sir GEORGE E. CARTIER will be leader in the Dominion House of Commons during his absence.

A special dispatch to the *Avalanche*, Jackson, Miss., says it is stated upon good authority that Gov. ALCORN will shortly resign and retire into private life. He absolutely declines to go into the United States Senate, though his term commences on the 4th of March next.

The Difficulty of Getting Good Men into Political Life.

We have already called attention to Mr. HOFFIN's excellent address to the members of the Union League Club, but the subject which he raised cannot be too carefully considered. He said that "the practical withdrawal of great numbers of the respectable and intelligent citizens of the United States from public life, and their growing indifference to public matters, is one of the most discouraging facts in our history. We act as if we believed that good government would come of itself, like the free air of heaven, without any effort on our own parts to create it. We appear to think we have the option to engage in politics or not, as our tastes or temporary interests may determine." The phrase, "our duty to our country," he added, "has become a sort of commonplace expression which nobody believes in, and which is chiefly useful for orations and obituary notices, and yet it is of as much binding force as the ten commandments."

All this is melancholy, but it is true; it is the more melancholy because it is so often said, and with so little effect. It is said, in substance, in all Thanksgiving sermons, and in all the better class of Fourth of July orations, in most addresses to young men, and in a large majority of such commencement orations as touch on politics. It is said in newspaper and magazine articles, and in lectures. Everybody admits it; but when we come to talk of a remedy, most people turn their eyes in pious resignation to heaven, or shrug their shoulders. Now, everybody knows we are not disposed to shield "educated and respectable" shirkers of their duty, but then it is but right, while condemning them, to take account of the difficulties there are in the way of their doing their duty. We might if we went into details show these to be very numerous, but we shall confine ourselves to one, and that is the complication of the political machine. The machine which our fathers worked, and which the English work today, was far simpler than the one we work. The number of officers elected in England is very small. In fact, it may be said that by voting once in four or five years for one or two members of the House of Commons, an Englishman exerts all the influence he can exert in the Government. Through that he pronounces his opinion with regard to the administration of justice in all its grades and branches, the collection and disbursement of the taxes, the state of the army and navy, the foreign policy, the condition and relief of the poor, and so on. The consequence is that by concentrating his attention on the character, and history, and opinions of one or two men, he discharges his whole political duty. If he does not like the judges, or the condition of the finances, or of the State, or of the army, or of the railroad system, he has only to come down on the county or borough members of the House of Commons, and the members come down on the Ministry; and when a great many county and borough members, feeling the pressure behind them, come down on the Ministry together, the thing is set to rights. Nothing can well be simpler, or easier to manage, or require less sacrifice of time.

A state of things in some respects similar prevailed in this State, and in nearly all the Eastern States, before 1846. The number of elective offices was small, and the responsibility concentrated on a few heads. To be sure, the American citizen had two Legislatures to elect, and two "Ministries" to look after, where the Englishman had only one, but still he was able to look to the Governor for the proper administration of justice, the proper regulation of the prisons, the proper collection and outlay of the taxes, in fact for the proper working of the greater part of the administrative machinery. He had, indeed, only to concentrate his attention at every election on one or two men, to make sure that he was discharging his duty to the State effectually. In those days, too, the strain of business was not nearly so severe as it is now, and men of respectability and education had more time at their disposal. There was only monthly mail communication with Europe. In this City, business with the interior of the State, or what was then called the West, was almost completely suspended as soon as the frosts closed the river and canals. The community, too, in every State was small, and the manners simple, and the demands of charity and society few and not very exacting. The stream of life, in fact, flowed on with a sluggishness of which we have now little idea. Merchants, and lawyers, and ministers, therefore, had an amount of time at their disposal of which they now know nothing, and having it, they gave it to politics.

If we contrast the state of things here now with the state of things here forty or fifty years ago, we must perceive that to get good men back into political life we shall have to adapt our governmental machinery to the conditions in which society now finds itself. The men of education and respectability in this community are rarely men of leisure; they are all as busy as they can possibly be. They have either to make fortunes, or keep them, and keeping fortunes, in the present state of our industry, is nearly as difficult as making them. They have, too, to administer nearly all the churches of the country, and to act as trustees for the vast number of persons who are, in every community, incapable of taking charge of their own affairs. If, therefore, they are to concern themselves in politics also, politics must be simplified. But our politics are made as complicated and hard to manage as it is possible to make them. We have multiplied the number of elective officers and the elections to such a degree that to keep the run of the candidates, of the issues, and of the influences at work in a single district, takes the whole time of a healthy and active man. No man who has other work can attempt to master it.

Then we have divided responsibility in such a way as to take all heart out of persons of a reforming turn, because no matter what we do, we can never feel sure that we have got hold of the real author of any abuse, and as a matter of fact, we hardly ever do get him. Considering the way in which a merchant or lawyer must now work, to keep pace with the ordinary demands on him, it seems hard to ask him to see to it that none but the best men are nominated for Congress, and the Legislature, and for the three City Superior Courts, and for the Marine Court, and for the Police Courts, and Civil District Courts, and the Aldermanships, and the Assistant Aldermanships, and the Controllership, and the Mayoralty, and the District-Attorneyship, and Corporation Counselship, and Sheriffalty, and for the Governorship, and Secretaryship, and the Canal Board, and Prison Inspectorship, and so on. Why, the looking after all these things has to be a profession, and it is a profession, and in a community where all decent men are occupied by honest callings, it has naturally become a rascally profession. No such system could be worked by the community at large, unless it was a community of large landed proprietors, with plenty of time on their hands, like that of the South before the war, or a community of free loafers, like the Athenians, who passed their time in the market place discussing candidates and nominations, every man knowing his neighbor.

State and Local Taxation.

Removed from the office of Special Commissioner of Revenue, which by patient labor and skill he had rendered of national importance and value, Mr. DAVID A. WELLS became Chairman of a Commission created to inquire into and report upon State and local taxation, with special reference to the taxation of this State. His associates are EDWIN DODGE and GEO. W. CUTLER, and the result of their joint labors was yesterday transmitted to the Legislature.

The investigation of national burdens brought Mr. WELLS, practically, to a conclusion which more scientific economists had, theoretically, reached before him. The manner in which taxation is imposed affects industrial and business prosperity more seriously than the amount. That is to say, the country could better afford to furnish a large revenue, if wisely adjusted, than a smaller revenue clumsily distributed. And as our internal revenue system, as it stood when the war closed, was the product of a series of exigencies, with no pretension to skill or even average familiarity with the subject, on the part of its authors, its effect upon the productive energies of the people was disastrous. The same remark applies, with slight qualification, to the tariff. The evils arising from ignorance in one case were multiplied by monopolies in the other. The general result was most prejudicial. The fiscal burdens, in their amount sufficiently oppressive, were by legislative malpractice rendered ruinous. Internal taxation has since been greatly reduced, though it is still heavier than it should be if our people are to compete on equal terms with foreign producers. The tariff is, in the main, unchanged. The false principles which underlie much of it are perpetuated. The work of tariff revision remains to be undertaken by another Congress.

The fundamental errors that are apparent in national taxation are visible in the systems of taxation adhered to in nearly all the States. The gross amount of State and local taxation is startling. Last year, the Federal Government obtained a total revenue of $411,000,000, and—taking Ohio as a sample—the aggregate of taxes wrung from the people was increased by local taxation to $701,000,000, being at the rate of $19 26 per head of the entire population. Had the New-York standard been maintained throughout the Union, the total of taxation, national and local, would have been $850,000,000, or $21 83 per head. The rate in either case far exceeds the taxation borne by any other people under the sun, during a period of peace. Before 1861 the United States were content with seventy-five millions as the product of taxation, and in that year the State of New-York managed matters comfortably with $20,400,000. The national taxes have since exceeded $550,000,000, and in the present year will not fall below three hundred and twenty millions, while this State last year exacted from its citizens $50,500,000. The growth of national burdens is intelligible. The war and its consequences explain the prodigious increase. But there is comparatively little in the circumstances of New-York that can reconcile us to the difference in local taxes. Neither the population nor the trade of the State has increased at a rate corresponding with the increase of its taxation.

The mischief is greatly aggravated by adherence to forms of taxation which the more enlightened nations of Europe have systematically discarded. England, France, Prussia and Holland stimulate industries by exempting personal property from taxation. The burdens imposed on industry, especially manufacturing industry, and on the operations of commerce connected with them, are reduced to the lowest possible limit. The rule acted upon is to build up industries by relieving them from fiscal incumbrances, and by so enabling them to endure competition in foreign markets. The States of Maine and Vermont partially follow this wise example by exempting manufacturing capital from taxation. But the States generally, New-York included, retard all industries and enterprises, and utterly crush many of them, by heaping upon them local taxes. The difference in local taxation alone, comparing New-York with Liverpool, or Pittsburg with Birmingham, or Lowell with Manchester, explains our inability to compete in foreign markets, and even to hold our ground in this country. The British manufacturer and the British ship-builder can undersell us, not merely because of his command of cheaper labor, but also because of his exemption from taxes under which our producers groan. The illustrations adduced by Mr. WELLS and his associates clearly establish this fact. We profess to protect American industry, while in reality we cripple it with taxes.

The principle on which the taxation of personal property rests is assailed, in the report now published, as impolitic, because hostile to enterprise, and unjust, because unequal in its operation. It is like the income tax—continually evaded; and, like that tax, it makes perjury easy and profitable. Men "swear down" their personal means to cheat the tax-gatherer; and many of those who cannot disregard the obligation of an oath, transfer their wealth and enterprise to localities in which the charges upon capital are less exhaustive than in this State. Mr. WELLS does not propose to abandon personal taxation at once and altogether. But he recommends a discrimination, that would have the effect of relieving manufactures and trade, while taxing many forms of corporate property as at present. Other suggestions embodied in the report point to the assessment of real estate at its full value, and the exemption of mortgages from taxation.

The report will be studied with interest in other States. Its measures of reform are framed with reference to New-York; but the principles discussed, the evils portrayed, and the general suggestions presented are universally applicable. Many of the positions assumed will of course be hotly contested, and some of the reforms that are most strenuously urged will be effected, if at all, only when the results of different methods of taxation are more correctly understood by legislators than they are at present. The immediate benefit to be derived from the report is the interest it will awaken among thoughtful men in regard to the inherent weakness and injustice of systems that govern the collection of local as well as of national revenue. Our fiscal reformers have plenty of work upon their hands in their own neighborhoods; and they can prosecute it without waiting for Congressional help.

Germany and the Terms of Peace.

The secrecy with which Germany guards the conditions of peace that are to be offered to France may probably arise from the fact that they have not yet been finally resolved upon. We can readily suppose that the Imperial counsellors reason pretty much as follows: "We may safely adopt the general principle that whatever form of government we may have to treat with, it is advisable to place our demands pretty high, so that we may, in return for certain stipulations of an amicable character on their part, have the opportunity of abating somewhat the sum of our just claims. Should the constitution of the National Assembly entitle us to suppose that France chooses a Republic, then we shall accept this as a declaration of renewed war at the earliest favorable opportunity. Our obvious resource in this case will be to shackle a dangerous and turbulent neighbor so firmly with pecuniary obligations, that it cannot afford to spend money on military reorganization, and even if it should recover more quickly than we anticipate, we shall have received a large enough sum to keep as a reserve against a future demand upon our Treasury for warlike expenditure. On the other hand, if the Orleanists, with whom, as a dynasty, we have had no quarrel, or the BONAPARTES, who would gladly purchase our friendship, are to be restored to power, then that means that the people of France intend seriously to have peace, and it becomes our obvious interest to hamper the new régime with as little of the odium of increased national burdens as we possibly can. The establishment of a monarchy, or even the restoration of the Empire in France at this moment, forms a more valid security for keeping the peace toward Germany than the possession of half a dozen fortresses, and having absolutely nothing to gain by another war with France, we shall abate our terms just in proportion to our opinion of the strength of the guarantee presented to us that our armies will not be compelled to pass the Vosges again during the present century."

Some such considerations as these are probably at the bottom of the refusal of Prussia to make any neutral Power a party to the terms of peace she is about to offer to France. It is also likely enough that the two versions of Count BISMARCK's programme that have been collated in Berlin and duly transmitted by cable, may, contradictory as they are, have represented correctly enough two actual phases of prospective policy. The same authority that sent us a fortnight ago the startling information that two thousand millions of dollars were to be exacted as a money contribution from France, now transmits the news that the terms of peace are "comparatively moderate." The stories may be reconciled by the fact that at the date of the first statement, it seemed highly probable that the Republic would be confirmed by the voice of the nation, while at the date of the second the probabilities had turned the other way. If the National Assembly proceeds very far on the path it has entered on by electing a Republican President, we shall doubtless hear of another rise in the sliding scale of the German conditions of peace. It is highly probable that some intimation, more or less direct, will be conveyed to the members of the Constituent Assembly, that the more conservative their choice of a Government turns out to be, the easier the terms of indemnity will be made by their conquerors. Between the money contribution first mentioned, which would have nearly doubled the ante-war national debt of France, and some such sum as three hundred millions of dollars, which was the amount of the pecuniary indemnity levied by the Allies in 1815, there is an enormous interval, and it is to be hoped that the "comparative moderation" of the German demands may prove to be a close approximation to the lower amount.

The Possum.

SHAKESPEARE tells us that there are sermons in stones, and if what we have lately read of a certain Virginia specimen be true stones have hygienic qualities as well. This is remarkable enough, but a new story is current—or, rather, an old story freshly vamped—that casts even the "Fanquier mad-stone" into the shade. It relates to the medicinal virtues of the flesh of the opossum. The "possum," or coon, has long been recognized as an emblem of cunning. The famous animal who was "treed" by the not less famous Capt. SCOTT, and begged that crack shot not to take the trouble to fire, as he would immediately come down, behaved with the sagacity characteristic of his race. But that the flesh of the creatures is a panacea for several diseases, especially for those incident to age and decrepitude, is less generally understood. It is a fact that experienced negroes in the old days used to say, in speaking of each other's illness, "he longs for 'possum;" but how far this referred to the supposed medicinal qualities of the animal, or to the disposition of the patient to shirk work, is not quite clear.

Without venturing a positive opinion on the healing virtues thus ascribed we can say that the story rests on a more solid basis than such tales are apt to do. Some evidence in its favor was, in fact, printed in a London medical journal some fifteen years ago, and ran substantially as follows. At that time President ROBERTS, of Liberia, was in England, and was treated with great distinction by the Queen. President ROBERTS was then suffering from illness which baffled the skill of his physicians. There happened to be an American frigate lying at Cowes, the surgeon of which came from a county of Virginia adjoining the one (Loudon) of which ROBERTS is a native. This surgeon, whose name was WARD, visited the ailing President, and promptly recommended a complete change of diet, urging especially that the flesh of the opossum should be freely taken. With some difficulty a supply was obtained, and, according to the journal mentioned, was first given to President ROBERTS by way of surprise:

"The consulting physicians being invited, attended. The effect was remarked by the latter, even before the cover of the dish containing an opossum, set before his Excellency, was removed. On sniffing the odor, his nostrils dilated. When he partook of the first mouthful he laid down his knife and fork, his face beaming with delight, and exclaimed, in the idiom of his early youth, 'It is de possum, de emblem of old Virginny!' Recovering, however, his wonted dignity of bearing in a moment, he ate heartily of the strange dish. His convalescence dated from that hour."

Such is the account of a professed scientific authority, and it certainly looks plausible. The new stories that now reach us from Virginia are set forth with greater variety of embellishment, but do not materially differ from this. We do not forget, however, that land-sick marines removed by fortune to the interior, and pining for the waves they love so well, have been marvelously revived by a diet of "plum-duff" and "salt horse." In other words, a fillip may be given to the spirits and the imagination by recurrence to familiar and deep-seated habits, whether of diet or other. Dr. JOHNSON thought a great city paradise, or at least the nearest earthly approach to it. Doubtless if he had been imprisoned for a space on board ship, or in the middle of a Scotch moor, and then, while languishing amid such unpleasing surroundings, had been treated to as uncomfortably-crowded and noisy street, he would have at once recovered his health and spirits. The curative would be a moral rather than a physical one. It is, however, claimed that the flesh of the opossum has distinct and positive chemical qualities which act specifically on certain disorders. Depression of spirits, sciatica, and low fevers, are among the ills said to be magically cured by it, and many are the cases seriously described by the Virginia papers of complete restoration to health through its use after the failure of all other remedies. The creatures are said to live on persimmons, as the canvas-back does on wild celery, and perhaps in this fact lies some key to the healing virtues of opossum flesh, if any such there are. What with their jaud-stones and opossums, the longevity common in some parts of Virginia is now thoroughly explained. It is no wonder that with such extraordinary safeguards the inhabitants should be proof against ordinary disease, or that it should be said of them, as of the people in some localities of California, "they never die, but dry up and blow away."

MINOR TOPICS.

The almost unanimous election of M. GREVY to the Presidency of the National Assembly of France is unquestionably a Republican triumph. A combatant at the age of seventeen, in the short struggle of 1830; an advocate, a defender under the Monarchy of indicted Republican conspirators; a member of the Constituent Assembly of 1848, in the capacity of Vice-President of that body, and one of the Judicial Committee, and a consistent opponent of LOUIS BONAPARTE, both as President and Emperor, M. GREVY has the unbroken record of an ardent Republican. Of course, the fact of his Vice-Presidency of the previous Assembly, and his thorough acquaintance with judicial forms, have doubtless been strong arguments for his elevation to preside over the momentous deliberations of the newly-elected body of popular representatives. The shade of his Republicanism, which has nothing of the red tinge in it, may have also served to secure the support of diverse parties. But all deductions under these heads, and on the score of the purely regulative character of his office, do not take from his election the character of a democratic victory.

Mr. CONGER's bill for the regulation of river steam-boat traffic, which was finally agreed to by the House, yesterday, is essentially the same as that received from the Senate last session, and is likely to prove a highly salutary piece of legislation. It consolidates all the scattered enactments on the subject, and, in addition to giving them a chance of becoming at once intelligible and operative, it adds several clauses of greatly-needed stringency. The recklessness exhibited in the lading, the running, and general management of the steam-boats of our great rivers, has become proverbial; and the frequent instances we have had lately of the fearful waste of life resulting from it, showed the imperative necessity of something being done, and that speedily. In this same department of taking care of the lives of the traveling public, there is a great field of highly beneficial action still before our legislators.

A man named MYRON HOUSE, a lawyer, has been arrested on a charge of suborning persons to commit perjury. This "lawyer" may perhaps say, "why come to so obscure man as I for an example? Why not fly at higher game? I have said lies, but there is a notorious Judge on the Bench who does the same thing, and yet nobody complains of him. I am compelled to live by the best means I can, whereas this Judge is not obliged to go about with the lie in his mouth, and yet he does it. If I am a discredit to my calling, he is a credit to his! I protest against you pitching upon me for punishment which my betters escape." This may be HOUSE's idea of justice, and we do not say that there is not a glimmering of sense on his side. But let him be counted. When he has sank a little lower in his style of practice, he, too, may be made a Judge, and become famous for knowing less about law, and having more decisions reversed, than almost any other man upon the Bench.

The indorsement by the House, yesterday, of the report of the Committee on the West Point Troubles has, of course, a declaratory, and not a legislative significance. The advocates of a policy of extreme severity in this case probably represent the feeling of the majority of the people against fostering anything like junkerism or caste immunity from ordinary rules in our military schools. But it is quite probable that, had the supporters of a rigid execution of the Committee's recommendations been called to deal with the delinquents in an administrative capacity, they would have tempered justice with several grains of mercy. It is, perhaps, rather unfortunate that Congress has thought fit to indicate so decidedly a course of proceeding which leaves the Secretary of War without any of the discretionary power which in such a matter rightly appertains to his office.

According to Gen. FADEYEFF, a Russian military writer of eminence, his country is not so well prepared for war as is generally supposed. As compared with Germany, Russia has a population of eighty millions against thirty-eight millions; but though twice as populous, she is only half as strong. The General asserts that, with an establishment of four hundred and ninety-two battalions for European Russia, his Government could use for war purposes barely three hundred and fifty thousand men of all arms. With this great inferiority in strength, her annual military expenditure is about one hundred and twenty millions of dollars, as against the sixty to seventy millions required by Germany for the same purpose. Even in time of peace, the expense of the army absorbs about one-third of the revenue, and from the great waste of productive power that takes place in Russia from the present generation of peasants being bound to the soil, even though a living can barely be got out of it, the resources of the country are far from elastic. The Russian Treasury may, not improbably, however, have the means of testing the validity of his conclusions sooner than the world is very much older.

We suspect that the bill introduced on Wednesday in the State Senate by Mr. LOMB is an old enemy with a new face. It prohibits foreign fire insurance companies "from insuring for any greater amount, in proportion to their capital, than companies organized under laws of the State may do;" and, we are told, "contains other like provisions." We am quite sure of that. And all its provisions are designed to create a fire insurance monopoly by driving foreign agencies out of the country. This may not be the declared object of the bill, but it would certainly be the result of its enactment. A similar measure passed the Legislature last session, with the approval of the Insurance Superintendent; but the Governor's interposition rescued the community from the hands of the spoilsmen. His action in that instance received the hearty approval of a very influential portion of the mercantile community, who have good reason to resist the enactment of a measure that would greatly lessen the amount of available insurance capital. Mr. LOMB and his bill should be closely watched.

Consul KERSHAW is doubtless an efficient officer, and he will be very proud when he sees how highly his letter is valued by the Secretary of the Treasury. But we protest against the idea that a letter written by the Consul at Berlin to his departmental chief possesses the slightest weight in the discussion of the question of taxation and the popular demand for its reduction. If, as Mr. BOUTWELL has taught, half as Mr. KERSHAW evidently believes, the funding of the debt constituted the whole duty of the American man, there would be reason in the policy which prolongs excessive taxation solely to enable the Treasury to accumulate a large surplus. But funding the debt, though obviously desirable, is of secondary importance compared with the benefits which reduction of taxes confers upon the producing and trading classes. A saving of one or two per cent. in the rate of interest on Government securities will be a good thing when we can get it legitimately; but it is purchased too dearly when the means employed to effect it depress and weaken industry and business.

AMUSEMENTS.

Amateur Italian Opera.
"MARIA DI ROHAN" AT THE UNION LEAGUE THEATRE.

We described, some time ago, a scheme contemplated by Signor ANTONIO BARILI for the general development of lyric art, and for the especial purpose of giving clever amateurs an opportunity to test their powers in public. Such opportunity is seldom afforded on the regular operatic stage, the risk involved and the delicate arrangements of artists being serious obstacles. There are, however, not a few ladies of supposed talent and undoubted culture, who would gladly become professional singers of opera, if encouraged to do so by a fair share of success behind the fact-lights. Signor BARILI has found as a teacher that such cases are numerous, and he has been willing to make some sacrifices and incur some perils to furnish the wished-for opportunity. On Wednesday evening last, the first amateur opera given on the lists, and under Signor BARILI's baton, was heard at the theatre of the Union League Club.

The "Maria de Rohan," of DONIZETTI, was the work chosen for this essay, and, considering all the circumstances, it was very nicely rendered indeed. Signorina VIRGINIA PARR, the Maria, has a well-trained light soprano, less awkward more than is usual with a novice, a face of the Semitic type, which is usually effective on the stage, and a good figure. We cannot, as yet, see promise of greatness in the young lady's performance, but it was well defined and intelligent in purpose, and vocally quite creditable. She lacks mobility of expression, both of visage and voice, but these may come in time, and she is otherwise well equipped for the arduous career she contemplates. Miss ELIZA MOONEY, the *Gondi*, has a superb contralto, which she uses, in most instances, remarkably well, and she adds to this prime gift decided dramatic ability. Miss MOONEY unquestionably possesses the making of A very fine artist. The last *Chiarone* seen here was a performer of the highest rank; a man of genius, in truth, of immense dramatic power and depth of feeling, and deficient only in that vocal capacity which, when I contract last heard, Dr. VALENTINI, the new *Chiarone*, is nearly the exact reverse of this. He has a lovely baritone, but unhappily, as yet, he has "one of primeval stamp." Other qualities may come in time, and we hope they may. With an organ so rich, so sweet, so flexible, and so expressive, Dr. VALENTINI may be encouraged to attempt anything. His drawbacks at present are those usually associated with a lack of familiarity with the stage, and none of them, so far as we can see, may not, with industry and experience, be overcome. Signor BOTTESINI, *Richard*, a part in which he has already been heard here, with prominent emphasis and considerable healing. The chorus and orchestra were unexceptionally good, and, altogether, Signor BARILI has abundant reason to congratulate himself on the propitious opening of his campaign. "Maria de Rohan" is to be repeated to-night at the same theatre, by the same singers, and under the same direction. Seats may be secured any time during the day, and those who choose them will enjoy an operatic entertainment altogether respectable in itself, and, remembering that it is chiefly presented by amateurs, in parts of singular excellence.

Bloodgood.
THURSDAY POPULAR MATINEE.

The first of a series of afternoon concerts, intended to deserve this title in respect of success and of the day of occurrence, was given at Booth's Theatre yesterday afternoon. In recent arrangements of the affair we expressed the opinion that encouragement would be afforded an attempt to supply the demand for similar entertainments, and we manifested a belief in the fitness of the place chosen. An audience that filled the house yesterday, and the excellent effect of the performances, showed that there was ground for these views. So far as a ready response on the part of the public to respond to a demand upon its time and purse was in question, no testimony could have done that body more credit. Mr. JAMES M. WEBLE's brilliant piano playing was undoubtedly a most potent attraction, but we are sure that a fair portion of the assemblage was brought together by the prospect that a number of well-planned concerts was to be looked for because of the results of Thursday's. The frequenters of these matinées will naturally become exacting in the matter of artists and programmes, but we hope that liberal engagements and judicious selections will keep the persons who began attending yesterday in the pleasant mood in which they were brought together and subsequently ushered from the theatre. To the vigor and sparkle of Mr. WEBLE's recitation of the larger part of the programme, is to be almost wholly ascribed the agreeable impression of the first concert. Mr. WEBLE's fantasia on motives from WALLACE's "Lurline" is unquestionably the most striking of his compositions, and the best display-piece as yet wrought out of material drawn from that rich vein. It is naturally designed to set forth, alternately, the volubility and the power, and, in all passages, the variety of touch and the elements of expression of the executant. Mr. WEBLE recited "Lurline" superbly, yesterday, as the opening piano piece. Afterward he rendered a delicious work of HELLER, called "Wanderstunden," and far less widely known than his novel character ought to make it, and a Tarantella by the same composer. The imitative work known as "Silver Bells," and the "Song Bird Galop,"

ALBANY.

The Erie Business a Troublesome Bone of Contention.

Report of Fisk, Jr.'s, Unusual Activity in the Last Fall Campaign.

Demands of Gould and Fisk Upon Hoffman, Sweeny, Tweed & Co.

A Compromise Effected—Erie's Protection to Cost No More Than $75,000 This Year—The Broadway Bill Passed in the Assembly by a Large Majority—Tweed's Water Job Rushed Through the Assembly.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 16, 1871.

The Senate had a very quiet session today; nothing was reached among the general orders of special interest to the public, or calculated to excite warm debate. Twaan was unusually jovial and good-natured after the news came up from the other House that his Broadway Widening bill had gone through the Assembly. The activity of the leading lobbyists yesterday afternoon and evening indicated that things were being "fixed" in a way to insure the success of the measure in the Lower House; but no one anticipated that so many Republicans would be found to aid the Tammany Ring in covering up their rascality, and opening the way for a new "job." They claim in justification that the bill was in no sense a party measure, but it ought to be a sufficient reason for any Republican to vote against a bill, that its passage was so anxiously desired by the Ring as this was. The pretense of TWEED, SWEENY & Co. that they had no part in the job, and no knowledge of it, and only wish to thwart a rascally scheme of others, is so ridiculously absurd that no man of either party believes it for a moment. According to TWEED's statement in the Senate yesterday, no Judge could be found in New-York who was not interested in the awards for widening Broadway, and yet TWEED and SWEENY, who own millions of real estate all over the City, were entirely unaffected by the awards, and knew nothing about the job till after its exposure in the newspapers.

AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE COMMISSIONER.

Senator NOONAN introduced a bill authorizing the Mayor of New-York to appoint an additional Commissioner on the Excise Board. Some Democrat wants a snecure berth.

CONFIRMED.

The Senate in Executive Session, today, confirmed the Governor's appointment of JOHN M. STRONG as Superintendent of the Salt Springs, in place of GEO. GEDDES, Republican, whose term has expired. Several notaries public were also confirmed.

ERIE AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The hearing before the Railroad Committee of the Assembly on Mr. GOODRICH's bill to repeal the Erie Directors' act, did not take place last evening, as promised. Mr. SOUTHMAYD, of New-York, came up here especially to argue the case, but the Committee (FLAGG, of Troy, Chairman,) claimed to have other business of more importance to attend to, and postponed the hearing until this evening. It is doubtful whether the opponents of Erie will get a chance to be heard until after the recess.

This Erie business is getting to be a troublesome bone of contention with the Democratic Party and the "strikers" in the Legislature. Since the session of 1868, when the Erie Ring spent a half a million dollars in getting their various schemes through the Legislature, including the legalization of their over-issue of stock, the "strikers" in both Houses have come to regard Erie as one of the chief reservoirs whence they are to draw their annual supplies for "board-bills" and other legislative expenses. There has probably not been a session since that time when the Erie Ring has not been compelled to "come down" to the tune of $100,000 and upward in order to retain what they had already got, or to secure additional favors from the Legislature. Last year it is said to have cost them $250,000 to prevent the repeal of the Directors' act of 1869. It is not surprising that GOULD and FISK should have become tired of these yearly drafts on their pockets and should seek some mode of putting an end to them. This was the secret of FISK's unusual activity in the campaign last Fall, and of his eagerness to take a hand for the first time in his life in the game of politics, "a game he did not understand," as he freely admitted in his speech at Tammany Hall, but in which, as in all other games, he is likely to exhibit great proficiency, if he keeps on. It will be recollected that on that occasion (at Tammany Hall) he promised the Democratic Party 35,000 votes for HOFFMAN among his retainers of the Erie Railroad, and kindly offered to vote half a dozen times himself, or oftener if the emergency required it. This promise was religiously kept, as gamblers' promises usually are, and HOFFMAN, doubtless, owes his election to JIM FISK and the money and influence of the Erie Railroad. The time has now arrived when GOULD and FISK demand payment for their services. The Legislative "strikers" are dogging their heels in quest of their annual prey, and FISK and GOULD very properly turn for succor to HOFFMAN, SWEENY, and the other chiefs and leaders of the Democratic Party. "We gave you twenty-five thousand votes," say they, "and saved your party in the State, and we now demand that you shall protect us from the rapacity of your Legislature. We cannot afford to pay for our own protection twice over—first in political coin for your party, and second in greenbacks for your legislative thieves."

The reasonableness and justice of the position thus taken by GOULD and FISK must be manifest to all, but unfortunately the "leaders" of the Democratic Party are unable to control the "small fry" legislators in their ranks. "Erie" is too rich a bone to be snatched from the arena of legislative pickings, and scattered broad-cast over the State for the benefit of that impersonal dog known as the "Democratic Party." How to reconcile the demands of GOULD and FISK with the necessities of the "strikers," as before intimated, has been one of the difficult problems that HOFFMAN, SWEENY, TWEED & Co. have been called on to solve this session. I am credibly informed that a settlement of the difficulty is on the eve of being brought about, which, though not entirely satisfactory to the Erie Ring, is nevertheless the best they can get under the circumstances. This settlement, if I am rightly informed, is to be in the nature of a compromise—the usual mode of reconciling great antagonisms. Erie is to "come down," as usual, to the "strikers," but less lavishly than heretofore. They are to be limited this year to fifty thousand dollars or seventy-five thousand dollars for protecting the "vested rights" of the Erie Ring, including the maintenance on the statute book of the Directors' act of 1869. If by any possibility this act should be repealed through Republican votes, aided by a few refractory Democrats, the Governor is to interpose his veto, and thus save the Erie robbers. Indeed it has been stated on very good authority that the Governor craves the opportunity to veto such a repealing act, in order that he may avail himself of the occasion to give an official explanation of his views on Erie and justify his conduct in signing the original bill. He wants to take the bull by the horns and settle the Erie business once for all, but the shrewder managers of the Democratic Party are fearful that he would get worsted in the encounter, and prefer, since they have got to carry Erie, to carry it in the dark session, as quietly and with as little exposure as possible. But to return to the "compromise." After distributing $50,000 or $75,000 among the members in the Legislature, Erie is to be credited with the balance—say $150,000, on account of services to the Democratic Party at the last Fall election. GOULD and FISK promise to renew the supplies at future elections, and "Erie" is henceforth to be regarded as the protector, defender and champion of Democracy in the Empire State.

FISK is said to be highly pleased with the "compromise" thus effected with the Democracy, it reminds him so much of the "dickering" trades he used to make with the farmers' wives at his New-Hampshire home when he drove a peddling wagon. In those happy days of his, before he had learned to water railroad stock, he the legislature, and vote early and often for the Democratic ticket, it was his highest delight to sell calico dresses to the milkmaids of the granite hills, and take his pay in sheep's pelts, dried apples, and tow per cent, cash down.

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The Broadway Widening Bill in the Assembly—The Bill Passed by a Vote of 96 to 24—Toll of Hell Gate Pilots.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 16, 1871.

TWEED's tactics in the Senate, yesterday, in connection with the infamous Broadway widening swindle, known as Bill No. 123, were reproduced in the Assembly today. After disposing of some unimportant business, the amended bill, as sent down from the Senate, was read amid a hubbub and confusion which prevented nearly all of the members, except the initiated few, from hearing the title announced. The formalities which preceded the passage of the "job" were previously arranged by the benchmen of the Ring, as was manifested in every act and movement of the Assembly leaders on the Democratic side. As soon as the bill had been read, "ALBO" FRAAR jumped to his feet and moved the previous question, thereby choking off all discussion on the merits of the obnoxious act. The Speaker, HITCHMAN, kept his eye constantly fixed in the direction of FRAAR's seat, and, of course, failed to see Mr. GOODRICH, of Kings County, and other gentlemen, who were the first to get the floor, but who essayed in vain to attract the attention of the Speaker. When it came to Mr. HUSTED, Republican, of Westchester County, to vote on the question of the concurrence of the Assembly with TWEED's amendments, he obtained an opportunity of saying a few words in behalf of the bill, by asking leave to be excused from voting. He then took advantage of this technical point by making some remarks in advocacy of the passage of the bill. He said that he had sustained the original bill for the repeal of the proceedings of the Broadway Commission, on account of errors of omission and commission by the latter body, but that he was in favor of the widening of the great thoroughfare of New-York, which was an improvement that was much needed. He mentioned that the bill, authorizing among other things, the appointment of a new commission, obtained his approval, because it would be composed of Ex-Mayor HAVEMEYER and A. T. STEWART, names in which he had the greatest confidence. He neglected to state which member of the present Commission was to be the associate of the two gentlemen named.

THE VOTE.

The vote on the passage of the "job" stood 96 in its favor to 24 against it. Every Democrat present gave it their stanch support. Such sterling Republicans as LITTLEJOHN, ALVORD, GOODRICH, ALDERSON, and others, were numbered among those who opposed its passage. SELKRIG, of Tompkins County, whose character is irreproachable, voted in the affirmative, along with about thirty other Republicans, for some incomprehensible cause. One gentleman privately announced that the scheme should be entitled "an act to amend an act to indemnity certain unnamed persons for losses sustained by the death of JAMES WATSON, County Auditor of New-York." The following list shows the vote of the members on the passage of the bill:

YEAS—Messrs. Aitken, Baker, Banker, Barney, Bass, Bartlett, Baylis, Bennett, Bignall, Blackall, Blair, J. Brown, J. J. Brown, Buckley, Burns, D. Burns, Campbell, Carey, Chadwick, Chamberlain, Chambers, Cole, Connelly, Comstock, Cook, Coon, Cloyt, Curtis, Decker, Drew, Ely, Fields, Flagg, Flanagan, Flecks, Fraser, Fuller, Gilbert, Gleason, Green, Grover, Hayes, Hayes, D. S. Hill, Howe, Howell, Husted, Irving, Jacobs, Joy, Kelly, Kilham, Krack, G. D. Lord, G. F. Lord, Lentrel, Lynde, Madigan, Montanye, McCaley, Mitchell, Mullin, Murphy, Nelson, Nelson, Nicholson, Northup, Oakley, O'Neil, Pahud, Pierce, Prince, Randall, Ransom, Ray, Roche, Sage, Sanborn, Scribner, Selkrig, Snider, Spenker, Stevenson, Sunolph, Sweet, Taber, Hyde, Thomas, Van Steenbergh, Wagner, Wainwright, Waterbury, Weed, Wiley, Wilson, Winans, Wood, Woolsey—96.

NAYS—Messrs. Albergen, Alvord, Berry, Burhans, F. Burns, Carter, Carman, Delano, Durfee, Fish, Fleming, Gedrich, Graham, Hewitt, J. W. Hill, J. Johnson, R. Johnson, Littlejohn, McDougal, Pound, Sheparadson, Strahan, Wade, Wyman—24.

HELL GATE PILOTS' TARIFF.

After the corrupt measure had received the sanction of the majority, the Assembly devoted its attention to the bill giving the pilots of Hell Gate, in the East River, the power of increasing their tariff for the pilotage of vessels through that channel. Mr. LITTLEJOHN objected to the act on the ground that the commerce of New-York was already overburdened with taxes, and the regulation of the charges for pilotage was one of the many laws which diverted commerce from New-York to Baltimore and other ports. Mr. HUSTED said that blue-nosed seamen, belonging to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, were the principal persons who used Hell Gate as a channel of communication with the City, and that he felt no sympathy for these men, because their vessels were engaged in carrying on a contraband trade with the South during our late war. Mr. LITTLEJOHN replied that the skippers of Suffolk County and along the Connecticut shore were constantly compelled to pass through the channel, and that the difference of twenty-five cents a ton often affected the course of commerce. If it depended on his *spee dself*, he would make the port of New-York open to the world, and would invite China and the whole of Asia and Europe to bring its staples to that City free of any port charges.

Speaker HITCHMAN also condemned the bill. It was finally referred back to the Committee of the Whole.

C. M.

Tweed's Water Job Pushed Through the Assembly—The Vote 84 to 38—Votes of Republicans.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—TWEED's odious Water bill job, which is designed to enrich the pockets of the Ring to an enormous extent, was pushed through the Assembly to-night by the alleged free expenditure of money in purchasing votes. Mr. ALVORD, of Onondaga County, opposed its passage in the most strenuous manner, but he was not properly supported by his Republican colleagues. Mr. SELKRIG, of Tompkins County, illustrated the enormity of the job by saying that there was no limitation to the amount of money to be expended on the bonds to be issued under provisions of the bill. The bill received a vote of 84 against 38, every Democrat responding in the affirmative, except DREW, of Putnam County. There were twenty-one Republicans who sustained the act, as follows:

Barney, Bignall, Blackall, V. B. Brown, Burns, Robbins, Chadwick, Gilbert, Green, R. Johnson, G. F. Lord, McDougal, Pahud, Pierce, Sage, Sanborn, Sheparadson, Sunderlin, Wagner, Wilson, and Woolsey.

I have not been able to ascertain as yet what amount of money was used to carry the swindle through the House.

REGULAR REPORT.

SENATE....ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 16.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. CAULDWELL—Amending the charter of the Central Savings Bank; extending the time for organization.

By Mr. GERRY—Incorporating the Hospital of the City of New-York, to be located in the Twelfth Ward; also, for the immediate grading, curbing, guttering, etc., of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, New-York, from Harlem River to Eighth-avenue.

By Mr. CAULDWELL—Amending the charter of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company, with regard to the powers of the directors; making them conform to those of other life companies.

By Mr. PIERCE—Amending the Brooklyn Public Bath act by limiting the cost to $25,000, and authorizing the Mayor, Comptroller and City Clerk to issue certificates of indebtedness for their construction.

By Mr. HARRENSTEIN—The annual Tax bill for the construction of new work upon and extraordinary repairs of the canals of the State.

By Mr. LEWIS—Making further provision to secure mechanics their pay; also fixing holidays and days of grace upon negotiable paper. It names the 1st of January, 22d of February, 4th and 17th of July and 25th of December, and the day appointed by the President of the United States as the day of thanksgiving, as the public holidays. Also, on all negotiable paper hereafter made there shall not be any days of grace.

By Mr. BEEBE—To establish a Board of Health in Rockland County.

By Mr. HARRENSTEIN—Amending the New-York and Brooklyn Wharfage act by fixing an annual tax in lieu thereof.

By Mr. KIMBERLY—To facilitate the consolidation of the Syracuse and Chenango Railroad.

By Mr. OSBORNE—Incorporating the Continental Loan and Trust Company of New-York City.

By Mr. NORTON—Authorizing the Mayor of the City of New-York to nominate to the Board of Aldermen an additional member of the present Board of Police Commissioners for that City.

BILLS REPORTED.

The following bills were reported:

Authorizing the United States Commissioner and Marshal Company; incorporating the Eisenberg Chemical Company of Troy; authorizing certain Justices of the Peace to take depositions; authorizing the Mayor of New-York to appoint additional deputies; authorizing the Evangelician Chapel to dispose of its real estate; incorporating the Grain Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of New-York; to provide for the American Peat Fuel Company; to provide for the Arsenal in Rochester; authorizing appropriation for Antietam monument.

BILLS PASSED.

The bill amending the Code in regard to Surrogate's Court, and that to amend the charter of the City of Buffalo were passed.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following bills were disposed of in Committee as noted:

Authorizing the Utica Mechanics' Association to borrow money; ordered to a third reading. Incorporating the Tonsmant l'Ouverture College; third reading. Incorporating the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Watertown; third reading.

HELL GATE PILOTS.

The bill fixing the rates of pilotage of Hell Gate pilots provoked considerable debate in Committee, ending in progress being reported. In the House, Mr. FRAAR moved to discharge the Committee and order the bill to a third reading.

This bill was opposed by Messrs. GOODRICH, LITTLEJOHN, HITCHMAN and FIELDS, and sustained by Messrs. FRAAR and HUSTED. Those opposing the bill did so on the ground that its provisions form an additional tax on the commerce of New-York. A motion to order the bill to a third reading was lost. Mr. LITTLEJOHN moved to recommit the bill, with instructions to strike out the enacting clause. Lost—38 to 56. A motion to grant leave to sit again on the bill was then adopted.

THE NEW-YORK WATER SUPPLY.

The bill providing for a further supply of water to New-York was made the special order for this evening.

ERIE'S LAST STATEMENT.

Freight and Passenger Business of 1870—Over Seven Millions from Freight and Over Three Millions from Passengers.

The following is the published statement to the Legislature relative to the freight and passenger business of the Erie Railway Company for the year 1870:

THE ERIE RAILWAY, ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1871.

FREIGHT BUSINESS OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 1870.

	Thru' Freight. Tons.	Revenue.	Way Freight. Tons.	Revenue.
Months.	2,000 lbs.		2,000 lbs.	
January...	60,456	$312,254 10	221,888	$519,156 40
February...	70,172	372,711 60	204,659	478,173 14
March...	67,972	367,236 00	263,206	550,307 42
April.....	91,165	501,031 26	295,095	648,022 20
May.....	95,209	482,461 18	325,142	694,220 77
June.....	85,329	466,606 44	378,151	830,126 72
July.....	92,955	501,812 00	372,715	818,563 24
August.....	102,695	494,784 22	380,479	822,000 07
September	94,252	420,154 03	361,043	777,021 12
October...	116,023	502,027 00	435,726	930,377 42
November.	92,244	412,878 32	377,476	802,751 41
December.	99,667	410,922 42	376,963	820,265 41
Total...	1,009,738	$5,039,738 41	4,054,525	$7,093,396 11

Whole total, way and through...9,137,259 $12,133,077 52

JAMES FISK, JR., Vice-President.
J. D. WHITE, Assistant Treasurer.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss: JAMES FISK, JR., Vice-President, and J. D. WHITE, Assistant Treasurer of the Erie Railway Company, being severally duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

JAMES FISK, JR.,
J. D. WHITE.

Sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 1871.

MORTIMER SMITH,
Notary Public, New-York.

PASSENGER BUSINESS OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 1870.

Months.	Thru' Passengers. No.	Revenue.	Way Passengers. No.	Revenue.
January...	10,190	$44,067 42	240,391	$160,102 69
February...	14,164	62,288 81	186,616	128,088 48
March...	18,621	78,222 66	219,060	139,718 49
April.....	18,792	78,189 12	235,770	152,016 54
May.....	25,321	118,104 45	238,406	178,343 61
June.....	22,000	98,177 17	236,161	180,781 21
July.....	25,067	101,260 12	260,238	205,819 20
August.....	25,448	102,052 42	268,858	226,749 42
September.	22,853	104,701 63	218,696	231,213 07
October	24,675	83,925 20	219,323	204,984 65
November..	21,740	76,793 55	202,974	187,023 84
December..	19,680	72,833 54	270,748	196,238 16
Total....	252,552	$1,020,653 55	2,596,442	$2,212,094 21

Whole total, through and way...2,848,767 $3,218,597 76

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Twenty-First District Union Republican Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Twenty-first Assembly District Union Republican Association was held, last evening, at Harmony Hall, One Hundred and Nineteenth-street and Third-avenue. Mr. WILLIAM H. DE CAMP in the chair.

On motion of Mr. JOSEPH DEWEY, a committee of five was appointed to take into consideration the project of getting up a public meeting, under the auspices of the Association, to promote the interests of the Republican Party.

Mr. DEWEY suggested that Mr. GERELEY and other prominent men be invited to attend. The Chairman named the following gentlemen as the Committee: Joseph S. Dewey, Erastus Brown, C. H. Cooper, A. Barnett, and Stephen Roberts. Mr. ROBERTS objected to serve on the Committee. He thought the proposed meeting would tend to no good purpose. They should first endeavor to infuse harmony into the Republican Party. They must satisfy the party that when they go to vote that their ballots will be counted. If an election were held to-morrow half the Republican Party would remain away from the polls.

Mr. DEWEY said the proposed meeting was not intended to make war on any party, but to elicit an expression of Republican opinion.

The Chairman considered that union would not be promoted until his Excellency Gen. GRANT removed Collector MURPHY and a few others from office, and gave their places to men having the confidence of the Republican Party.

Mr. ROBERTS said he was not going to defend all Gen. GRANT's appointments, but, taking him all in all, he deserved well of his country. He had reduced the national debt, and he hoped he would be re-elected.

The Chairman expressed a hope that the resolution passed at their last monthly meeting, calling upon the President to remove Collector MURPHY, would be complied with.

Mr. ROBERTS finally consented to act on the Committee, when the proceedings were brought to a close.

WASHINGTON.

Instructions to the Captains of the Tow-boats—The West Point Difficulty—Protection of Life on Steamboats—Closing of the Gay Season—A Vetoed Bill—Appropriations for River and Harbor Improvements—Preparing for the Carnival.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Mr. SUMNER's resolution calling for a copy of the orders of the Tennessee will be answered to-morrow. What Mr. SUMNER's particular purpose was in making this call is not apparent. It will certainly not yield him anything on which he can hinge any further cavil at the Navy Department or the Administration. The orders are brief, and were personally prepared by Secretary RONSON. They show, chiefly, that Capt. TRENAR was directed to place his vessel entirely at the disposal of the Commission, excepting a certain discretion and responsibility as to her safety and the safety of those on board. He was otherwise instructed to proceed wherever and whenever the Commission desired. The instructions strictest was to proceed with the Commission to Samana Bay, or such other port in San Domingo as the Commission might first desire to visit, thereafter to be at their service whenever required, and to return with the Commission to New-York, or any other port in the United States at which the Commission might desire to land. From Admiral LEE's dispatch of today it will be seen that the impression that he left the *Nantasket* at San Domingo to bring the news of the arrival is unfounded. He simply left her at the service of the Commission.

THE WEST POINT DIFFICULTY.

The House disposed of the West Point cadet outrage, today, by deciding also to take a hand in the "interference" business. After an hour's further debate, a vote was had on Gen. BUTLER's substitute for the Committee's resolution, viz., that the Class should be deprived of the customary leave of absence after graduation and ordered to the army forthwith, with no leave of absence for a year after award. This was rejected—yeas, 97; nays, 112. An additional resolution offered by Mr. JOHNSON, of California, recommending a Court of inquiry to ascertain how far the officers at West Point were culpable in concealing the facts, was agreed to on a division. Mr. FARNSWORTH then tested the sense of the House by a motion to lay the whole subject on the table, but was beaten by a large majority. The resolution in favor of restoring Cadets HARD, BARNES and FRICKENSTEIN was adopted almost unanimously. The vote on the main resolution of the Committee recommending a Court of Inquiry for the whole class to ascertain who were the ringleaders, was then agreed to; yeas 113, nays 97. Inasmuch as these resolutions are simply the expression of the House and have no binding effect, it is impossible to say what will be done. It seems to most people outside that the better way would have been to have thrown the responsibility of action on the President and Secretary of War.

PROTECTION OF LIFE ON STEAM-BOATS.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the House took up the special order positively fixed by suspension of the rules on Monday last for today, viz.: the immense bill for the better protection of the lives of passengers on steam-boats. It revises and consolidates the entire batch of Steam-boat laws into one comprehensive enactment of seventy-one sections. The bill passed the Senate at the last session, and an extended synopsis of its features was given at that time. Since then the House Commerce Committee have devoted much consideration to it, and made numerous amendments. Today the bill was reported by Mr. CONGER, and nearly three hours spent in debating and passing it. Some of the members from the Cotton States made a vigorous opposition to the provision requiring cotton to be baled with hemp bagging and iron ties, but the House would not yield beyond permitting the use of rope as well as iron for ties. Gen. NEGLEY made a determined opposition to many of the features of the bill in the river steamboat interests, but under the tenacious and able management of Mr. CONGER the bill was saved from mutilation, and passed substantially as it came from the Committee.

REPEAL OF THE TEST OATH.

The Reconstruction Committee today promptly agreed to report a bill for the total repeal of the test oath. As a similar movement has been initiated by Senator SAWYER in the Senate, there is every reason to believe that the total abrogation of the oath will take place at this session of Congress.

THE GAY SEASON CLOSED.

The gay season is closing this week with much brilliancy. To-night there were not less than three notable social events. Senator and Mrs. POMEROY are entertaining a large number of distinguished people at their residence on H-street. Mrs. BEN HOLLIDAY and daughters are giving a grand ball in the same quarter, the preparations for which are on a scale unsurpassed here this Winter, while at Willard's Hotel there is a brilliant *soirée dansante*, given by Mr. STKES in compliment to his guests. To-morrow evening Secretary and Mrs. FISH give their last card-reception of the season.

RELIEF OF NAVAL CONTRACTORS.

Mr. NYE reported back to the Senate the President's veto message on the bill for the relief of the contractors for iron-clads, without any recommendation, but stated at the same time that if the veto was sustained by the Senate he would offer a bill on the same subject, with the clause objected to in the message left out. The question was put on passing the bill over the veto, which failed by a vote of 37 to 2. Messrs. ROSS and SAULSBURY were the two defiant ones. The bill which Mr. NYE subsequently offered wasduly referred, but the chances of its passage are very remote.

SALARY OF JUDGES.

The Senate debated the question of the salaries of the District Judges at length, and decided to let the Committee's amendment stand, which makes them equal, and fixes them at $6,000. The salaries of the Circuit Judges were fixed at $8,000, instead of $7,000, as they stood in the bill last night. The Associate Judges of the Court of Claims and the Supreme Court of this district, are to receive $6,500, and the salaries of other Judges are left as reported yesterday. The vote on making the pay of District Judges $6,000 stood 30 to 28.

PROSECUTION OF CLAIMS.

The last section of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriation bill was an amendment proposed by the Committee, prohibiting the clerks of the Departments to prosecute claims in them within three years from the time of leaving the Government employ. This was designed to break up a practice that prevails extensively of clerks who are dismissed from the departments, setting up as claim agents, and using their knowledge of the routine of the offices and the condition of claims before them, for their own advantage, and the advantage of claimants. The debate showed what will be a surprise to most persons—that claim agents are engaged only in honorable, legitimate transactions, and the Senate voted, 26 to 11, to leave the Treasury, as now, at their mercy.

FATE OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The above-mentioned bill was seemingly all ready for final action by the Senate, when five or six Senators arose with amendments of a general legislative nature, which will, from now till the end of the session, storm every Appropriation bill like a forlorn hope, because this is the only means of obtaining action favorable or the reverse. The Senate, on motion of Mr. SAULSBURY, adjourned till to-morrow, when it will have to sustain this onslaughts of legislative odds and ends.

IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Among the appropriations recommended by the House Appropriation Committee, for the improvement of navigable rivers and harbors of the United States, are the following items for the State of New-York: For improvement of Dunkirk Harbor, $25,000; Port Jefferson Harbor, Long Island, $15,000; Buffalo Harbor, $100,000; Olcott Harbor, $5,000; Oak Orchard Harbor, $10,000; Charlotte Harbor, $10,000; for improvement of Little Sodus Harbor, $15,000; Fairmeville Harbor, $8,000; Oswego Harbor, $100,000; Ogdensburg Harbor, $25,000; Plattsburg Harbor, $15,000; Hudson River, $40,000; [illegible] Hell Gate, $350,000. The [illegible] harbors and wharfs in Connecticut [illegible] ships Hartford and Chicago; [illegible] Connecticut River below Hartford, [illegible] Haven Harbor, $20,000; Westcott [illegible] 000; Southport Harbor, $12,000. The river [illegible] of Duluth, at the head of Lake Superior, City, has $80,000 recommended for the improvement of its harbor. Some of the other recommendations are for improvement of Chicago Harbor, Illinois, $165,000; Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, $100,000; Portland Harbor, Maine, $40,000; Mobile Harbor, Alabama, [illegible] 000; Rock Island Rapids, $350,000; Des Moines Rapids, $275,000; the mouth of the Missouri River, $125,000; the Missouri, Mississippi and Kansas Rivers, $150,000; falls of the Ohio River and Louisville Canal, $250,000; for construction of breakwater at Wilmington Harbor, California, $300,000; for construction of breakwater at Block Island, Rhode Island, $75,000; for improvement of Pawcatuck River, Rhode Island and Connecticut, $10,000; for improvement of Burlington Harbor, Vermont, $50,000. Among the surveys directed to one for ship-canal from the head of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on the line now opened across the portage, through the Indian, to the nearest Lake Michigan, with estimates for constructing the same 100 feet wide and three feet deep. The whole amount appropriated by the bill is $4,154,500.

PREPARING FOR THE PAVEMENT CARNIVAL.

The people of Washington are in earnest about their carnival, and an example of energy and invention shown today is worthy the attention of New-York. The almost unprecedented snow-storm the first of the week left the streets in a very unpromising condition for the exercises that are to begin upon it next Monday. But today the proper authorities set about cleaning away the snow and slush, and to aid in the cleansing operation had out the steam fire-engines. With the aid of these the avenue was flooded, and washed, and swept, and night is in a beautiful and cleanly condition. A few hours sun to-morrow will make it as smooth and bright as a house floor.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL SCRIP REVENUE.

The question involving the payment of $[illegible] 000 by the New-York Central Railroad Company as tax on scrip dividends, came before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the Solicitor of the Bureau present, this morning, according to prior arrangement. Mr. EL-MORE opened the argument for the Company, which he insisted was not liable for the tax, because there are no scrip dividends but interest certificates, which are not binding on the Company, and which it is optional with the Company to pay. Therefore it was not such an obligation as is subject to taxation. And, further, that these certificates merely represent the earnings of the Company which accrued prior to the passage of the Internal Revenue law. He presented various papers in support of these and other incidental points. The case was postponed until next Thursday, when HORACE F. CLARK will make the closing argument.

INDIAN WAR APPREHENDED.

The Secretary of War is in receipt of a letter from the commanding officer at Fort Dodge, Kansas, stating that a general outbreak of hostilities on the part of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes is expected early in the Spring, and that the objective points of attack will be the frontier settlements of Kansas. Gen. POPE indorses the letter, hoping that the Interior Department will at once take measures to satisfy or pacify these Indians, who, he says, have just grounds of complaint, and adds that if the threatened Indian war does come, it is surely will, the military authorities cannot be held responsible for it.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate, in Executive Session, this afternoon, confirmed the following nominations: Thomas Russell, Collector of Customs at Boston; Wm. P. Wingate, Collector of Customs at Bangor, Me.; Stanley G. Trott, Postmaster at Charleston, S. C.; Wm. H. Pollock, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Pennsylvania; R. J. Rhodes, Register of the Land Office at Harrisburg, Ark.; Samuel Sym, of Oregon, Consul at Singapore.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate today:

L. M. Drury, to be Russian Agent at Cassadaga, N. Y.

Army Promotions—Ordnance—Second Lieut. A. T. Yarrow to be First Lieutenant. Engineers—Lieut. Col. J. D. Woodruff to be Colonel; Major R. S. Williamson to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. F. F. Harwood to be Major; First Lieut. A. M. Miller to be Captain; Second Lieuts. J. E. Griffith and William Ludlow to be First Lieutenants; Brevet Second Lieuts. E. W. Rose and S. J. Mackall to be Second Lieutenants. Quartermaster's Department—Lieut.-Colonel R. Ransom to be Colonel; Majors D. Alexander Montgomery and F. Moore to be Lieutenant-Colonels; Lieut.-Colo. Charles McDougall and Robert Murray to be Chief Mustered Paymaster; Surgeons R. C. Wood, A. H. Gerrish and J. Wright to be Assistant Medical Purveyors; Assistant Surgeons C. H. White, G. M. Sternberg and J. Woodhull to be Surgeons.

THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

SUNDAY EDITION.

The TIMES of next Sunday will contain, as usual, a great variety of good reading matter of interest to all classes of readers, in addition to the very latest news of the day, telegraphic, local and social. Its contents will include these features which have made the Sunday edition of the TIMES by far the most popular Sunday paper in this section:

A capital STORY, together with exceedingly interesting and fresh LITERARY READINGS, selected from the most notable articles in the latest domestic and foreign magazines and the newest books;—

Special articles, one of which will be on TOY-BOOKS, tracing in an agreeable style the history of this important branch of the publishing business, showing the wonderful improvements of the past thirty years, and what favored creatures the children of today are;—

And another on the TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF A COLLECTOR, showing what an uneasy berth the head of the Custom-house is; the grand array of office-seekers; how the wires are pulled; influences necessary to get office, and then to retain it; anecdotes of past Collectors, &c.;—

NOTES AND COMMENTS, a column or more of interesting and suggestive paragraphs on curious topics discussed or reports found in the papers of the day;—

A complete summary of DRAMATIC INTELLIGENCE, relating to events at home and abroad, which is always fuller and more accurate than can be found in any other paper;—

Another lot of letters on the MARRIAGE DOWRY QUESTION from readers of the TIMES, suggested by those published in last Sunday's and previous issues;—

FOREIGN ITEMS, notices and criticisms of NEW PICTURES; MILITARY GOSSIP, of special interest to members of the National Guard, &c., &c.

Advertisers will find this paper the best medium for bringing their notices under the attention of families, as it has a large circulation among the most intelligent classes. Advertisers will send in their notices before 8½ this evening to insure proper classification.

From a large number of newspaper notices of the Sunday edition of the TIMES, we select the following:

If people must have a newspaper on Sunday, it is better that they should have a good one than a bad one. The Sunday Press has of late been remarkably free from the bad. The TIMES has been a good, greatly improved since the TIMES commenced issuing a Sunday edition. The TIMES has all the advantages which belong to a daily paper in obtaining the latest news, and its Sunday edition has, besides, an excellent summary of general intelligence, and most admirable literary selections, which form suitable and entertaining reading for Sunday as well as all other days.—*Philadelphia Times.*

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Sunday edition of the New-York TIMES, in another column. Its literary selections are always in good taste, and nothing is admitted in its columns that any one need fear to take into the family circle.—*New-York Courier.*

Those who have read the Sunday issues of the TIMES need not be reminded of the fact that they are really worth reading. They are free from the sensational and otherwise objectionable features that are too common in Sunday papers, and they contain a mass judicious and pleasing selection of the best things in current literature, amusement, excellent stories, able discussions of social, moral and religious questions, and fresh and interesting pictures of some interesting phases of life in the Metropolis. The paper is a model of good commonsense and good taste, and accurate

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES.

THE NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES, issued EVERY MORNING, contains the latest news; [illegible] of current interest; a page of carefully compiled commercial matter; [illegible] the latest financial and market reports; items of agriculture; [illegible] and marriages and deaths of the week; and other interesting reading matter.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES may be had [illegible] of the Publication Office, in wrappers, ready for mailing. Price Five Cents.

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EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP CITY OF WASHINGTON.

The Inman steam-ship *City of Washington*, which, left Liverpool on Feb. 2 and Queenstown on Feb. 3, reached this port Wednesday night. Her advices, delivered at this office yesterday, are fresher by two days than those brought by the Celtoria.

PRUSSIA AND EUROPE.

The Semi-Official Declaration Against Intending Mediators.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the London Times, who writes to that paper under date of Jan. 30, the semi-official declaration to be made against intending mediators will be based upon something like the following argument:

"In the event of the German-French question being mooted at the Conference, Count BISMARCK has been instructed to leave the room. It is, however, scarcely to be anticipated that he will need to do so. If the Powers represented in London, Russia, from the very outset, declined to intervene in favor of France, Austria assumed the most perfect neutrality in her note of December last, and England is sure to preserve the inexpediency of interfering at the present critical juncture. Germany is victorious but she has suffered greatly; she cannot afford to part with the prize of a victory so dearly bought. Nor is this a quarrel in which, right and wrong being equally divided between the belligerents, as is so frequently the case, a third party has a moral right to step in and to endeavor to settle the matter by an equitable compromise. Germany has been invaded for the mere sake of gratifying the inordinate appetite of a restless and ambitious populace. So paternal appeared to the French their supposed right to commit homicide in a neighbor's country that they did not even care to wait for a plausible pretext, but invented a frivolous cause of war, such as the nineteenth century had not seen before. Again, however much we may have been at variance with Germany, we may have been quite as high festivals, for we feel that what is required to protect us from a repetition of the same affront. If we were carried away by passion we might avail ourselves of the present opportunity to cripple and dismember France, but we will do nothing of the kind, and are satisfied with securing comparative immunity from future attacks; we have done nothing to prevent France from undertaking this wicked campaign. May, she has not even declared against it in solemn form, which might have done something toward deterring the offenders. Having evinced such complete indifference to the introductory principle of the Treaty of Paris, it is not likely that she will be willing to constitute an Areopagus to screen the guilty from punishment; for this, and no other, would be the object of mediation in the present state of affairs. Europe shuddered, but left us in the lurch when the Turco crossed our frontier; the Turco is down, and we therefore have no employers to look to. The military strength displayed by France in this prolonged campaign is another reason why we must insist upon recovering our ancient and secure frontier. A large, populous and martial country, France has hitherto enjoyed the advantage of being unassailable, except along a small strip of her eastern borders. Her southern frontier is protected by the Pyrenees; her western and northern coasts are washed by the sea, and the northeast is covered by the neutral Kingdom of Belgium and the adjoining Principality of Luxemburg, both of which open to attack, which are the strongest natural defenses a country can wish to possess. The Rhine, the Vosges, and the Moselle, are so many tactical lines of the highest importance. To render them still more formidable, a whole wall of fortresses is erected at their back, and when all these obstacles are overcome, Paris, the largest fortress in the world, and which, with a little more foresight, might have been provisioned for a year instead of four or five months, defies every comer. Taking all this together, we arrive at the conclusion that to vanquish France, even on her own soil, under the most favorable circumstances, always require a great effort, even on the part of United Germany. But no attack of so rich and ambitious a race as the French can be effectually warded off unless the war is transferred to their own soil. To defend our frontiers without following the French into their territory would be merely giving them time to collect a fresh army and renew the attack. Such being the case, we cannot but shade by our demand of a safe frontier. That the territory we ask for is ancient German soil, and was taken from us at a period when our internal divisions prevented resistance, cannot but confirm our resolve to settle accounts with our unruly neighbor. Alsace and Lorraine recovered, we shall be in a position to repulse future attacks without incurring the expenditure of blood and treasure to which we have been subjected in the present instance."

THE WAR FEVER.

Count Beust on the Position of Austria.

In the sitting of the Austrian delegation, on Feb. 1, a debate arose upon an order of the day for an increase of the defensive forces of the country. Count Beust, replying to Herr KLAEZKO, denounced a policy of revenge as one that never had borne good fruits. With respect to the speeches of other members, Count Beust opposed the notion that fear of warlike complications was nothing but a phantom, and denied the statement that Austria was already in a position to ward off any threatening emergency. The Imperial Chancellor continued:

"Undoubtedly we are seeking to avoid everything that may lead to war. On the other hand it must not be thought that the Government and the representatives of the country alone have it in their power to avert it. Contingencies are possible in which the decision upon the question of peace or war should be unanimous. It may, perhaps, be a sign of pessimism in speaking about war under present circumstances."

With regard to the proposed sanction of the demands on the part of the Government, Count Beust said:

"Our policy will be one of prudence and reserve, and, at the same time, of such decided endeavor to maintain strength, and act in accordance with the good relations which have been entered into with a great neighboring Power. But who can pretend to foreshadow the exact limits which one's hopes and wishes would prefer to lay down for the sudden and unexpected reconstruction of things that has sprung up of recent months? Under these circumstances it does not seem for a Statesman to be content with the consciousness of this one idea, which is not injurious to its neighbors. Safety is only certain when this policy is seen to be not the expression of conscious weakness, but the expression of one's free will. If we have done nothing to impose or impede the reconstruction of Germany; if we have met this reconstruction of the German nation with nothing but a friendly welcome; if we have endeavored to regulate our relations with another Power on a basis without neglecting our own interests, but at the same time without being actuated by other than conciliatory motives; if, finally, toward a third Power we have shown ourselves friendly and full of respect for its independence, and even did not recoil before the necessity of violating sentiments which in our own country we hold in esteem, then assuredly we may and will know that we are all the more entitled to expect that in our own home we shall be let alone, and that if attacked we will at all times be ready to defend ourselves. The dearly-bought fruit of recent occurrences is the establishment of an equal perception of these facts, the consequent necessity of making demands upon the resources of the country in both portions of the Empire, and the creation of the only possible patriotism, one that cements the different nationalities of Austria."

German Counsels for Moderation.

The Cologne *Gazette*, remarking on the prospect of peace, says: "Every thinking and intelligent man who can raise himself above the excitement of the moment must cherish the wish that the conditions of peace should not be excessively hard for France, but such that a durable peace between two great civilized nations may be at least possible and conceivable. We have a remarkable precedent. From 1792 to 1815, nearly twenty-three years, without interruption, the French and the English fought by land and sea with the greatest exasperation, and they and for centuries to regard themselves as hereditary foes. England was deemed the Power which gained the last great victory of Waterloo, after having been always victorious at sea. Revenge for Waterloo was regarded for years and tens of years as the innermost idea of French policy, and yet the old national hatred has by degrees almost disappeared. This may possibly, at any rate, be the case between Germans and French, if on both sides moderation gains the victory. * * * May the armistice prove, as in fact, the forerunner of peace! To this end that wise moderation is necessary of which the venerable King JOHN of SAXONY spoke so beautifully in his letter to the Emperor at Versailles, for, in spite of immense and wonderful successes, we will not at this critical moment be drawn into a belief that the power of resistance of France is already utterly destroyed. Despair doubles strength, and we do not wish to drive the French to desperation. Let us think of Spain. How infinitely inferior in every respect was the Spain of 1808 to the France of today; and yet it offered in 1808-13 to NAPOLEON, at the height of his power, and to his most famous Marshals, a permanent resistance. The Emperor WILLIAM's head is encircled with laurels; let him now remember that the first and greatest of all the Cæsars is not more famous and honored on account of all his victories than on account of his conciliation and lenity." The article advocates as the basis of peace the restoration of all the really German territory which the French have in the course of time taken from Germany.

Prof. Gervinus on the Past and the Future of Germany.

Prof. GERVINUS, of Heidelberg, in the preface to his *Geschichte der deutschen Dichtung*, (fifth edition,) written in November, 1870, expresses himself as follows: "I cannot give this new edition of the history of German poetry out of my hands without sadness. Its former editions were dedicated to three friends—the Brothers GRIMM and DAHLMANN—to whom I cannot speak now, because they are no longer among the living. Though the feeling that I can speak to them no more is of itself grievous enough, the thoughts what and about what I should speak to them if they were still alive is in the present situation almost more oppressive. Most assuredly those two archæologists, full of reverential love for the glorious fatherland, would have trembled with joy at the prospect of the reunion of lost members with the German family. Certainly, the profoundly serious historian would have exulted at the contemplation of the portentous frame in which Nemesis, who rarely reveals herself so clearly, precipitated the French despot from his pinnacle of personal government into the pit of destruction dug by himself. But that joy would have been marred and inevitably embittered by a retrospect of the events which four years ago restituated the new power and unity of Germany. Two of these men were present and co-operating when in 1848 the hegemony in Germany was freely and voluntarily tendered to the Prussian royal house with hand and heart by the German people itself. If they had lived to see how eighteen years later, when after the Bohemian campaign Prussia ruled the destinies of Germany with incontestable authority, the most enviable of situations was neglected, in which a generous use of the victory might have healed much more speedily the twelfth inflicted wounds of the civil war, and united all Germany, with its various members still unscathed into a real and free confederacy under Prussian protectorate, and so consolidated German affairs for all future unassailably, greater gain—unendangered from without and internally secured forever by the good will of the whole people and all its tribes; if they had lived to see how those opportunities, which present circumstances were ignored; if they had lived to see how the hand held out by the Middle States of Germany, which in 1849 had been cruelly struck down, was pointblank rejected in 1866—they would not have written the days of these occurrences into the calendar with golden let-ters and high festivals; for the best service they would have expunged them as days of disorder, violence and faithlessness to the federal obligations. Neither would they have regarded the great martial deeds of 1870 as a gigantic sponge which would wipe out in one stroke the deep dissatisfaction with the internal condition of Germany; for, however marvelous these achievements may be, to him who views the contemporary history not with the eye of today but with the eye of history, they appear pregnant with incalculable dangers, because they lead us into roads which are repugnant to the nature of our people and, what is much worse, opposed to the spirit of the whole age."

AMERICA AND ENGLAND.

Suggestions of the American Welcome to the Exiled Fenians.

A leader in the London *Times*, on Feb. 2, contains the allusions following to Gen. BUTLER's resolution concerning the exiled Fenians:

"We are always hearing of American susceptibilities. We are expected to be as tender of every Transatlantic prejudice as if the people of the United States possessed nothing but nerves in their composition. But American politicians seem to think we have no susceptibilities whatever. This last proceeding is, indeed, unusually strong; but we shall be quite reconciled to it if the Americans will only apply their own example as a contrast to the conduct of which they have been wont to accuse us. If their own House of Representatives may with impunity invite a party of sympathy with an Irish rebellion, what possible complaint can they make of our attitude toward the Confederates? The reader, however, will easily divine the real significance of this undignified proceeding. Gen. BUTLER has recently avowed the necessity of doing something to retain the Republican Party in power, and there is scarcely anything he would not be prepared to do for that grand object. This 'something' would be done if the Irish vote could be secured for the Republican Party. As a rule, that vote has been steadily given to the Democrats, and, as our correspondent lately showed, the leaders of the Democratic politicians generally, who were preparing an 'extensive reception' for the Fenian convicts in New-York. What could be more likely to gratify 'the 1,000,000 naturalized Irishmen' who are ready 'to take Canada by contract in sixty days,' than to welcome their champions with the public authority of the United States? The proposal once made, it is easy to understand that politicians of both parties found great difficulty in refusing to support it. To have done so would have been to risk these invaluable votes. Such is the discreditable game to which a few unscrupulous politicians are doing their best to reduce representative government in America. It is as easy as any other downward course. A reckless proposal has only to be made in order to expose all man, however moderate, to a strong temptation, and almost to coerce them into yielding. The founders of American institutions foresaw that a high standard of public intelligence and morality would be necessary for the stability of their edifice; but they probably never imagined that such a standard would be first corrupted, not by the people, but by those leaders of opinion whose duty it would be to maintain it."

NEWS NOTES.

No guns were fired at Berlin in celebration of the fall of Paris. The *Cross Gazette* explains that this omission was by the express order of the Emperor WILLIAM, who forwarded a telegram directing that the salute should be deferred till the conclusion of peace. This, it remarks, was an act quite characteristic of him.

"Mabel Grey" is dead. A correspondent writes: "One of our London celebrities has just passed away. 'Mabel Grey,' as she was known to the public, died on the night of Jan. 27, of consumption. The Queen of the demi-monde, whose portrait has been in every shop-window for the last four or five years, had a most remarkable career. At one time she was engaged to be married to the heir to one of the oldest English dukedoms; but, by the strenuous interference of his friends, and the granting for life to her of a liberal pecuniary revenue, what would have been a gross *mésalliance* was fortunately prevented. Many stories are told of her eccentric extravagance; but let the soil lie lightly on her remains, for in times of biting distress 'Mabel Grey' was a woman whose charity covered a multitude of sins."

Mr. GLADSTONE is said to have written the following letter to an English member of Parliament:

HAWARDEN CASTLE, Chester, Jan. 30.

MY DEAR SIR: It is impossible to read with our deep interest the letter of Mr. HAZARD, which you have been kind enough to send me. We, who witness with the deepest pain the continued and increasing horrors of the war, must not be surprised if, in that agony—for such it is, though it is an agony of heroism—in which the people of Paris fight for their country, our motives, and even our acts, are not always correctly apprehended. There is no request before us from the French Government for recognition. There never has been any since the mission of M. THIERS, several months agovery shortly, indeed, after the Government was formed. Yet, for twenty practical purposes, we have proceeded toward and with them just as if their origin had been the most formal in the world, and never, by word or act, have we implied that they were not entitled in the highest degree to our sympathy and respect.

I remain faithfully yours,

W. E. GLADSTONE.

NAVAL NEWS.

The Tuscaroras in Commission—The West India Squadron—Reception of Rear-Admiral Smith—Enlisting Again Resumed.

The corvette *Tuscarora*, ten guns, Commander OSCAR C. BADGER, is soon expected in port after her trial trip from Boston, which is to be conducted under steam and sail. The *Tuscarora* will be dispatched to the West Indies, to replace the corvette *Tuscarora*, lately put out of commission at the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy-yard. The United States Squadron in the waters of the Antilles is to be kept as strong and efficient as the limited appropriations of Congress will permit. The *Tuscarora* is an exceedingly valuable cruiser for that station, and will, no doubt, be kept very busy the coming Summer. The gun-boat *Tenedo*, recently ashore at San Domingo City, was gotten off without any material damages. She will be in cruising condition at an early day.

The *Shawmut*, five guns, will be ready to go into commission in a few days. It is supposed that she will relieve the sloop-of-war *Narragansett*, flag-ship of the Port-Admiral, which goes to the South Atlantic. Rear-Admiral MELANCTHON SMITH, commanding the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and Mrs. SMITH, held their second formal reception yesterday afternoon at the commandant's house. The fine band of the receiving-ship *Vermont*, was in attendance. A very large and select party, residents of New-York and Brooklyn, officers of the army and navy, city officials, &c., were present, and the reception proved to be a very brilliant success.

[Enlistments of men having honorable discharges are now taking place on the *Vermont*, in order to supply needed complements of various ships.]

Convention of Poultry-Breeders.

The Convention of poultry-breeders to revise the present scale of points of fowls, and to correct the errors in the American scale of excellence, concluded its session yesterday. Mr. S. J. BESTOR, of Hartford, Conn., presided, and Mr. HALSTEAD, of Rye, N. Y., Secretary. The following-named were placed upon the various different varieties: Dominiques, Brahmas, ducks of different varieties, turkeys and geese. One of the most important points of the action was the adoption of the following resolution, presented by Mr. HALSTEAD:

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to the several societies in the United States that the following article be incorporated in the rules: That each exhibitor shall be required to name the breeder together with the owner in each entry they make.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

Proposed New Buildings.

The following is a list of new buildings proposed for erection in this City since the last report, and for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 16, 1871:

BROWN-STONE FRONTS.

Four first-class dwellings, south-east corner of Madison-avenue and Sixtieth-street, four stories, 25 by 60; PETER H. DECKER, owner.

BRICK FRONTS.

Ten second-class dwellings, south-east corner of Third-avenue and One Hundred and Eighth-street, four stories, 17.6 by 54; HIRAM MOORE, owner.

Five tenement-houses, north side of Fifty-third-street, 74 feet east of Ninth-avenue, four stories, 27 by 49; JOHN J. BURCHELL, owner.

One tenement-house, south side of Eighty-first-street, 175 feet west of Second-avenue, four stories, 21.5.12 by 54; HIRAM G. BRENNOW, owner.

One tenement-house, south side of One Hundred and Eighth-street, 75 feet east of Third-avenue, four stories, 25 by 60; HIRAM MOORE, owner.

Four stores and tenements, north-west corner of Ninth-avenue and Fifty-sixth-street, four stories, 50 by 54; JOHN J. BURCHELL, owner.

Four stores and tenements, east side of Ninth-avenue, 25.5 feet south of Fifty-second-street, four stories, 25 by 60; THEODORE SHEIBELER, owner.

Three stores and tenements, south-east corner of First-avenue and Fifty-third-street, four stories, 25.5 by 54; GEO. WHITEFIELD, owner.

Two stores and tenements, Nos. 54 and 56 Sheriff-street, five stories, 25 by 62; JOHN REYS, owner.

Two stores and tenements, south side of Forty-fourth-street, 100 feet west of Eighth-avenue, four stories and basement, 25 by 60; JOHN J. BURCHELL, owner.

Two stores and tenements, north-east corner of Ninth-avenue and Fifty-third-street, four stories, 25 by 54; JOHN J. BUSCHELL, owner.

One store and tenement, north side of Forty-seventh-street, 175 feet west of First-avenue, five stories, 25 by 60; MICHAEL MURRAY, owner.

One store and tenement, Nos. 34 and 36 Desbrosses-street, five stories, 48.1½ by 73; RIDDLE & BERTNAGLE, owners.

One store and tenement, south side of Fifty-fourth-street, 300 feet west of Ninth-avenue, five stories, 27.6 by 55; JOHN TOTTEN, owner.

One store and tenement, No. 114 Eldridge-street, five stories, 24.11 by 88; L. BOHM, owner.

One store and tenement, No. 13 Lewis-street, five stories, 25 by 61; FRANCIS KEILBACH, owner.

One first-class store, No. 61 South Fifth-avenue, five stories, 25 by 62; J. W. DIMICK, owner.

One first-class store, No. 105 South Fifth-avenue, five stories, 25 by 68; J. W. DIMICK, owner.

One market, bounded by Seventh-avenue, Twelfth-avenue, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, one and three stories high, 800 feet front, 197 feet 6 inches deep; owner, Manhattan Market Company.

One factory, north side of Twenty-eighth-street, 250 feet east of Eighth-avenue, five stories, 50 by 85; A. E. ROBERTSON, owner.

One factory, north side of Houston-street, 170 feet east of Varick-street, five stories, 50 by 85; J. F. BROOKS and JOHN J. MCCURE, owners.

One factory, south side of Seventeenth-street, 200 feet west of Ninth-avenue, three stories, 25 by 42; J. S. BIRS, owner.

FRAME BUILDINGS.

One second-class dwelling, east side of Eighth-avenue, 100 feet north of One Hundred and Twenty-second-street, two stories, 25 by 40; MARIA DONOHOE, owner.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number buildings	30	Tenement-houses	7
Brownstone fronts	4	Stables and tenements	1
Brick fronts	23	First-class stores	2
Frame building	1	Market	1
First-class dwellings	2	Factories	3
Second-class dwellings	11		

Alterations in Buildings.

For the week ending Thursday, Feb. 16, 1871, the following are the only plans of importance for alterations in buildings submitted at the Department in this City. No alterations are reported where the excess incurred does not exceed the sum of $1,000:

One brick dwelling east side of Seventh-avenue, 80 feet north of Seventeenth-street, four stories, 80 by 87, one story to be added, with Mansard roof, making five stories in all, to be used as a workshop; ALBERT WEBER, owner.

One brick building north-west corner of Third-avenue and One Hundred and Fourteenth-street, three stories, 25 by 50, to be altered into an office for the use of the Harlem Gas-light Company; Harlem Gas-light Company, owner.

One brick dwelling, No. 424 West Twenty-second-street, three stories, 19½ by 40, one story to be added, with Mansard roof and extension on rear 14 by 20; HORACE F. CLARK, owner.

One frame and brick-front building Nos. 13 and 15 Chatham-street, two stories, 28 by 40, one story to be added, additional story added to the extension, running back 65 feet 4 inches; D. F. MIMSON, owner.

One frame dwelling, north side of Ninety-ninth-street, 175 feet west of Eleventh-avenue, two story and attic, with two wings 40 by 40 each, attic-story to be raised and Mansard roof added, extension to be built to south wing, 15 by 28 feet, 24 feet high, for a Summer residence; WM. P. FURMAN, owner.

One brick dwelling, south-east corner of Tenth-avenue and Twenty-seventh-street, three stories, 24.8 by 50, one story to be added and store made on first floor; C. SEAMER, owner.

One brick dwelling, No. 380 East Broadway, three stories and basement, 21.5 by 40, one story to be added; JOHN RABENSTEIN, owner.

Unsafe Buildings.

Since the last report and for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 16, 1871, the following buildings in this City have been reported as unsafe, in the particulars annexed, at the office of JAMES M. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings:

Mulberry-street, No. 11, JOHN KENNEDY, lessee; front wall bulged, sills and beams rotten.

Oliver-street, No. 19, H. KUHLMAN, owner; broken relieving arches and north wall overhanging.

Hudson-street, No. 36, ZIMI WEEP, owner; deflected beams and cracked front wall.

Reade-street, No. 127, JOHN TAYLOR, owner; front wall cracked and broken.

Madison-street, Nos. 124, 126 and 128, DAVID H. King, owner; rear walls cracked and bulged.

Duane-street, No. 169, L. L. F. APPLEBY, owner; broken beams.

West Broadway, Nos. 38 and 40, Mrs. E. A. GLOUCKSTER, owner; rotten timbers, floor-beams and stairs gone.

Water-street, No. 42, HARVEY WEED, owner; broken beams, second and third floors.

Spring-street, No. 5, Mrs. SARAH PRICE, owner; westerly wall cracked and overhanging.

Prince-street, No. 209, W. C. BALL, owner; unsafe front-gutter.

Ninth-avenue, No. 699, MICHAEL BONNER, owner; building overhanging and unsafe.

West Fifty-fourth-street, No. 420, JAMES CURRY, owner; bulged and crack in east gable wall.

Baxter-street, No. 7, JACOB SAMUEL, owner; building unsafe; beams deflected and rotten.

Coenties-slip, No. 4, Mrs. FRENCH, owner; rear wall badly sprung and cracked.

Old-slip, No. 29, OWEN BYRNE, owner; rear wall badly sprung and cracked.

Front-street, No. 74, JOHN F. DOYLE, owner; unsafe columns and girder; third floor.

Front-street, No. 62, HANNAH A. LIPPINCOTT, owner; unsafe and rotten trimmer beams.

Water-street, No. 49, ALEX. J. COTHEAL, owner; broken beams, second and fifth tier.

Water-street, No. 44, J. E. JONES, owner; beams, fourth story broken.

Baxter-street, No. 15, P. S. VUITEE, owner; building settled, foundation wall bulged, beams broken.

Baxter-street, No. 21, Dr. WM. F. NEALIS, owner; front wall cracked, sills and lintels broken.

Baxter-street, No. 17, L. J. CARPENTER, agent; front, rear and gable walls cracked and settled, piers split.

Cherry-street, Nos. 60 and 71, estate of GEO. B. POST, owner; front walls cracked and bulged, cornice and gutter rotten.

Duane-street, No. 180, JOSEPH CONCKLIN, owner; unsafe and rotten main timbers.

Pearl-street, No. 96, ANDREW BOLKER, agent; walls cracked and bulged, lintels broken.

Jay-street, No. 20, FRED. L. SCHMERSAHN, owner; rear wall badly cracked and bulged.

Gold-street, No. 45, WM. H. DEGROOT, owner; south gable wall and brick arch in rear broke.

Gold-street, No. 47, WM. H. DEGROOT, owner; north gable wall cracked, lintels and sills broken.

Baxter-street, No. 4, MAX SOLOMON owner; cornice rotten and coping loose.

Baxter-street, No. 8, MORRIS LEVY, owner; north and rear walls cracked, bulged, settled and unsafe.

UNSAFE CHIMNEYS.

Park-street, No. 85, Marcus Halbert, owner; Mulberry-street, No. 11, John Kennedy, owner; Chatham-street, No. 164, Simon Fox, owner; Chatham-street, No. 149, Robert J. Livingston, owner; Duane-street, No. 183, L. L. F. Appleby, owner; Front-street, No. 76, John F. Doyle, agent; Front-street, No. 66, Thomas Dunham, owner; Watts-street, No. 45, Suydam estate, owner; Broadway, No. 538, Abner L. Ely, agent; Greenwich-street, No. 120, F. B. Wallace, owner; Baxter-street, No. 5, Abraham Schumacher, owner; Coenties-slip, Nos. 4 and 6, Mrs. French, owner; Old-slip, No. 29, Owen Byrne, owner; Duane-street, No. 177, George Mailer, owner; Duane-street, No. 179, John J. Lagrave, owner; Water-street, No. 57, John Caswell, owner; Baxter-street, No. 15, P. S. Vuitee, owner; Baxter-street, No. 18, M. Jacobs, agent; Henry-street, No. 123, Christian F. Girock, owner; Gold-street, No. 45, Wm. H. Degroot, owner; Baxter-street, No. 4, Alex. Solomon, owner.

A Quiet Day at the Tombs—Justice Jocular.

There were only twenty-two arrests returned yesterday at the Tombs Police Court, making it a very dull day. MARY DAVIS, a servant, appeared and asked for the arrest of her mistress, who had deducted 35 from her month's wages, because the hydrant had been frozen up. The Magistrate considered it a very hard case, but could do nothing for the girl. JAMES JONES, an elderly lady, called during the afternoon, and stated that her husband had deserted her for over three years, therefore, she desired his Honor to grant a divorce. Judge DOWLING, being in jocular mood, sent the lady to the Mayor, and she departed apparently well pleased. GEORGE WATSON, aged fourteen, a street rowdy, was arrested in the City Hall Park for throwing snow-balls. The Magistrate ordered the prisoner to be sent to the school-ship, remarking that the practice of throwing snow-balls in the streets was a very dangerous one. He added that Police Superintendent KELSO had nearly lost an eye the day before by a piece of ice thrown at the car he was riding in. Mr. KELSO had foolishly attempted to arrest the culprit, but his weight told against him, and the boy escaped after all. Mrs. SARAH LOCK, of Boundbrook, N. J., was robbed on Wednesday evening at the Cortlandt-street Ferry, by CHARLES JOHNSON, aged sixteen, of Myrtle-avenue, Brooklyn, who adroitly picked her pocket of a small sum of money. As the Police Sergeant had given the complainant the stolen money and permitted her to go, the Magistrate found himself unable to take a complaint, so sent the case to Superintendent KELSO for disposition.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Quite a number of sales were made at the Exchange, yesterday, (Feb. 16,) and the attendance was large. The prices realized for the property sold were better than usual, for as a class that offered was not particularly desirable, the buildings on the lots being generally in poor repair, and the lots themselves not in specially eligible localities. The following is a brief review of the transactions:

MULLER, WILKINS & CO., under the direction of MICHAEL T. CONDON, surviving executor of EDWARD GALLAGHER, deceased, disposed of six pieces of property belonging to the estate, as follows: Three-story brick house and lot, 25 by about 94 feet, located on the west side of Broadway, 49 feet 11 inches south of One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, sold to G. NOTHDURFT for $8,400; one lot adjoining, about same size, with improvements thereon consisting of two small buildings, sold to PAUL SCHOENHOLZ for $3,200; three-story house and lot, 20 by about 88, located on the south side of East Thirty-eighth-street, 240 feet east of Second-avenue, sold to J. C. MCDERMOTT for $3,100—house rents for $40 per month; one lot (vacant) on the south side of East Thirty-eighth-street, 182 feet west of First avenue, 18 feet 8 inches front, 25 feet rear, depth 100 feet, sold to S. T. MAYER for $4,000; four-story brick house and lot, 25 by 96.9, situated on the south side of East Twenty-fifth-street, between First and Second avenues, sold to JOHN SULLIVAN for $10,600. There was also a small building on the rear of these last named lots, and the premises rent at the rate of about $100 per month. One lot with small house on rear, adjoining above, of same size, sold to WM. BURNS for $5,200. The aggregate of the executors' sale amounts to $36,500. Messrs. MULLER & CO., as public auction, next disposed of the property located on the south-east corner of Fourth and Wooster streets, known as No. 2 Fourth-street. The premises comprise a three-story high-stoop brick house (with marble trimmings) and lot 20 by 50.6. The house, with an extension, nearly covers the lot. J. F. NAVARRO purchased the property for $12,250. The same firm next offered the five-story Ohio stone front store and lot, 25x77, known as No. 73 Duane-street, and located on the south side of the street, between Broadway and Elm-street, for business purposes. The situation is a desirable one. The premises rent at the rate of $6,000 per annum. No sale was effected of this property, although it was nominally struck off to P. PEAT for $24,250. Mr. PEAT is the present owner. The property known as No. 485 Second-avenue, advertised to be sold, was last offered by the same firm at an upset price of $16,000, but no one making a bid over this sum it was subsequently withdrawn.

The only other sale of the day was made by JAMES M. MILLER, who, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of W. S. YARD, Esq., referee, sold the property, located on the south side of East Tenth-street, 150 feet east of Fifth-avenue, known as No. 8. The property embraces a three-story brick house and lot, 25 by 92. The premises were bought by W. J. Gibbs, one of the plaintiffs in the foreclosure action, for $30,000—a low price. No further sales were effected.

Today at the Exchange will be a dull one, as no auctions are noticed to take place. For to-morrow one sale is advertised. For next week the transactions projected are both numerous and of importance, giving a sure promise of some activity. Tuesday and Thursday, especially, will be busy days, as on Tuesday JAMES M. MILLER will offer as an executor's sale of the Kerr estate, a very desirable line of City property, as follows: Six brown-stone front houses and lots on East Forty-ninth-street; four brick houses and lots on the same street; three brown-stone houses and lots on One Hundred and Thirtieth-street; a store on Fulton-street, and another store on the corner of Franklin-street and West Broadway. Mr. MILLER will, in addition, offer a large amount of valuable stock belonging to the same estate. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. on the same day will sell at public auction thirteen unimproved lots, located respectively on First, Second and Fourth avenues, and on Forty-third, Seventy-third, and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets. Also, improved property on Oak-street. On Tuesday MULLER, WILKINS & CO. will also hold a large partition sale of City property, improved and unimproved, situated on Twenty-fifth, One Hundred and Tenth, and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth streets, Third-avenue and Rutgers-place, and, in addition, lots on St. Nicholas and Tenth avenues. On Thursday the last-named firm will dispose of some very desirable City property, and also, as a novelty, a coal-mine in Pennsylvania. On the same day A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. sell some desirable Harlem and Brooklyn lots. A variety of minor sales are also in addition, advertised for other days, to which the reference will be made on Monday in our full schedule of sales for the week published on that day.

The summary of yesterday's business is herewith appended.

Exchange Sales Thursday, Feb. 16.

NEW-YORK.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

3-story brick house and lot, w. s. of Broadway, 49 ft. 11 in. n. of 130th-st., lot 25x about 94	$8,400
2 small buildings and lot, adjoining above, s. s. of Broadway, 74.11 ft. n. of 130th-st., lot 25x99.9	3,200
Frame building and lot, e. s. East 102d-st., 340.91 ft. n. of 2d-av., lot 20x34.9x20.1x37.9	3,100
1 lot, e. s. East 38th-st., 181.11 ft. w. of 1st-av., lot 18.9x100.9x22.2x108.8	4,000
4-story brick house, 1 small house and lot, s. s. East 25th-st., 300 ft. e. of 2d-av., lot 25x98.9	10,100
Small building and lot adjoining above, s. s. East 25th-st., 325 ft. e. of 2d-av., lot same size	5,200
3-story brick house and lot, No. 22 4th-st., s. s. corner Wooster-st., lot 20x96.6	22,350
5-story Ohio stone front store and lot, s. s. No. 73 Duane-st., between Broadway and Elm-st., lot 25x77, (nominal sale)	86,250

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3-story brick house and lot, s. s. No. 8 East 10th-st., 150 ft. e. of 5th-av., lot 25x92	$30,000

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All freight for San Francisco will go by fast, and be received until 4 P. M. Saturday, Feb. 18.
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MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
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NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without engaging their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of baggage; in securing the best accommodations, and shielding the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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FINANCIAL NOTICE.
$50,000 BONDS WANTED FOR SINKING FUND OF THE DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD.
Agreeably to the provisions contained in the Trust Mortgage Deed of the DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, dated Oct. 1, 1866, made to the undersigned Trustees, to secure the payment of the Land Grant Mortgage Bonds, sealed proposals addressed to W. S. Gilman and N. A. Cowdrey, Trustees, No. 67 Exchange-place, New-York, will be received until noon of the 20th day of February, 1871, for the sale, to the undersigned, of thirty of the above-named bonds of $1,000 each, which bonds will then be redeemed with money derived from sales of said lands.
W. S. GILMAN, N. A. COWDREY, Trustees.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN PETROLEUM COMPANY,
NO. 112 BOWERY, CORNER GRAND-ST.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR SEVEN Directors and three Inspectors for the next ensuing election will be held
ON MONDAY, FEB. 20,
between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 10th to 20th, both days inclusive.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 9, 1871. W. A. HALL, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 15 until March 2.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF PRESTON COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, No. 228 Walnut-st.,
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, March 1, at 12 o'clock M., when an election will be held for directors, to serve during the ensuing year.
JNO. H. WIESTLING, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 165 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1871.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTY Directors of this Company, also for three Inspectors of next election, will be held at this office on TUESDAY, the 21st inst. Poll open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. C. W. FARMILEE, Secretary.

TEN PER CENT. BONDS, REGISTERED with the Sinking Fund Auditor, and payable by the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, for sale by
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AND
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NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

OFFICE OF THE MIDAS PETROLEUM AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY OF PITTSBURG AND NEW-YORK,
No. 149 4TH-AV., PITTSBURG, Penn.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M. The annual election of Directors will be held at the same place, on the same day, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock P. M.
WILLIAM F. ROBB, Secretary.
FEB. 14, 1871.

OLIVER AMES, President. JNO. DUFF, Vice-Pres't.
JNO. M. S. WILLIAMS, Treas'r. E. H. ROLLINS, Sec'y.
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
SHARS BUILDING, (POST-OFFICE BOX NO. 5,077,)
BOSTON, Feb. 4, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company in Boston on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of March, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., to elect officers for the ensuing year.
OLIVER AMES,
President Union Pacific Railroad Company.

CHICAGO MORTGAGES, PAYING nine and ten per cent., strictly first-class, for sale by JACOB R. SHIPHERD & CO.,
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DIVIDENDS.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY,
ST. JOSEPH, MO., Jan. 28, 1871.
THE INTEREST AND COUPONS due Feb. 15, 1871, on the first mortgage eight per cent. (8 per cent.) gold bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company will be paid at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York, upon presentation and application, on and after that date, free of Government tax.
THOS. E. TOOTLE, Treasurer.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 8, 1871.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
The stockholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company are hereby notified that a cash dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has this day been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock of the Company, out of the earnings of the last six months, payable at the office of the Company's agents, Messrs. M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 12 Pine-st., in the city of New-York, on the 6th day of March next, to holders who are registered as such at the close of business hours on the 16th inst., at which time the transfer-books will be closed, and reopened for transfer on the 7th day of March next.
W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

THIRTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE ÆTNA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 172 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1871.
Cash capital, $400,000; cash assets Feb. 1, 1871, $806,000.
A Dividend of (7) SEVEN PER CENT. is this day declared, payable on demand, in cash, to stockholders.
Also, an INTEREST DIVIDEND of (6) SIX PER CENT. on outstanding scrip, payable 1st of April, in cash.
Also, a SCRIP DIVIDEND of (10) FIFTY PER CENT. on the earned premiums of policies entitled to participate in the profits for the year ending 31st of December, 1870. Scrip will be ready for delivery on and after the 1st of April next.
Fifty per cent. of the scrip of 1866 will be redeemed on the 1st of April next, from which date interest thereon will cease.
WM. E. LOTHROP, Secretary.

TWENTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE
GERRARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 141 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 28, 1871.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable, free of Government tax, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871.
JOHN B. SMITH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MONTCLAIR RAILWAY CO.,
NO. 25 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 3, 1871.
THE INTEREST AND COUPONS DUE March 1, 1871, on the First Mortgage Gold Bonds of the
MONTCLAIR RAILWAY COMPANY
will be paid at the office of
LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
No. 10 Wall-st.,
upon presentation, on and after that date, free of Government tax.
H. R. LOW, Treasurer.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,
No. 59 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1871.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of [illegible] per share, payable on the 1st day of March proximo, to stockholders of record at the closing of the transfer-books.
The transfer-books will be closed from 3 P. M. Feb. 17 to the morning of March 3.
J. C. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of W. H. NEWMAN & CO., is this day dissolved, by mutual consent.
W. H. NEWMAN,
SETH B. FRENCH.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.
Notice is hereby given that a limited partnership has been formed by the undersigned, pursuant to the laws of the State of New-York. That the name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted is NEWMAN & HOBSON; that the general nature of the business intended to be transacted by such partnership, is the buying and selling of general merchandise for their own account and on commission; that the names of all the general and special partners interested in such partnership are WILLIAM H. NEWMAN, JOHN LOWRY HOBSON and GEORGE C. HOBSON; that the said WILLIAM H. NEWMAN is a general partner, and his place of residence is in Middletown, in the County of Richmond and the State of New-York; that the said JOHN LOWRY HOBSON is a general partner, and his place of residence is in the City, County and State of New-York; that the said GEORGE C. HOBSON is a special partner, and his place of residence is in the City, County and State of New-York; that the amount of capital which the said GEORGE C. HOBSON, the said special partner, has contributed to the common stock of said partnership is the sum of thirty thousand dollars; that the period at which the said partnership is to commence is the first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and the period at which said partnership is to terminate is the first day of February which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.
WILLIAM H. NEWMAN, General Partner.
JOHN LOWRY HOBSON,
GEORGE C. HOBSON, Special Partner.
Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1871.

NOTICE.—THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of LAWRENCE, OAKLEY & FLEURY, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
E. A. LAWRENCE,
JAMES M. OAKLEY,
JAMES A. FLEURY.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 11, 1871.

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COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION originated the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas, administer it in the most approved manner, do nothing but extract teeth, and they certainly do that without pain, at 29,000 patients yearly. See their signature at the office, No. 18 Cooper Institute.

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A LARGE HANDSOMELY FURNISHED front room and bedroom, communicating, to rent without board, to a single gentleman desiring first-class accommodations; family private; location East 18th-st.; reference required. Address, with name, G., Box 3,76, 111 Times Office.

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GENTLEMEN AND WIVES OR PARTIES of single gentlemen, wishing good accommodations with first-class board, can find the same at No. 20 West 32d-st. References required.

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SIX PER CENT. interest on $5 to $5,000.
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FEMALES.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO GIRLS; one as first-class cook; understands cooking in all its branches; the other as first-class laundress; understands fluting, linens, and fineries; no objection to a short distance in the country; unexceptionable references. Call at No. 627 6th-av., between 37th and 38th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A HIGHLY-recommended, neat and tidy young woman, as nurse and seamstress, or chamber-maid and seamstress, or as seamstress alone; can cut, fit and operate; Lucian Frank's Paper Cloth Chart; reference. Call at No. 345 4th-av., near 23d-st.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTant woman, a situation as first-class cook; understands all kinds French and English cooking; can bone and lard; make all kinds of soups; has the best City references. Apply at No. 320 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE young woman, a situation as cook; assist in washing; she is a very good cook; understands meats, game, pastry; good baker, &c.; country or City; best testimonials. Call at No. 355 4th-av., near 23d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, well recommended, a situation as seamstress; can operate on Grover's and Wheeler & Wilson's machine, and make boys' dresses, and would assist in chamber-work. Apply at No. 340 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chamber-maid and waitress, or chamber-maid and laundress; no objection to the country; the best City references from her last place. Apply at No. 210 East 26th-st.

WANTED—BY AN AMERICAN GIRL, A position as housekeeper, nurse or companion to an invalid lady; can take entire charge of any household affairs; satisfactory references. Address Miss C. G. H., No. 134 Elizabeth-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD plain cook; is willing to do some washing and ironing in a private family; is a good baker; best City reference. Call at No. 123 West 16th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., for two days.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH GIRL, LATELY landed, a situation as good cook, washer and ironer; would do house-work in a family of three persons; no objection to go by the country. Call at No. 422 East 16th-st., between 1st-av. and Avenue A.

WANTED—A LAUNDRESS' SITUATION by a competent trustworthy girl; understands fluting, &c.; will furnish long and excellent testimonials. Apply at the French Bureau, No. 408 5th-av.

WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION BY A sober, neat, industrious and efficient woman; understands French cooking; will furnish best City references. Apply at the French Bureau, No. 408 5th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant man and wife, to take charge of buildings or offices; the best City reference. Call or address No. 639 West 36th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-class cook; understands French and American cooking in all its branches; has good City references. Call at No. 138 6th-av., over drug-store.

WANTED—BY AN EXCELLENT LAUNdress, a situation; she has the best of City references. Can be seen at No. 533 West 26th-st., second floor.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as wet nurse. Can be seen for two days at No. 300 24th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl as nurse and to do plain sewing; City references. Call at No. 137 West 24th-st.

A LADY WOULD LIKE TO WRITE business letters one or two hours per day for some dry goods jewelry, book, carpet, or fancy store, taking part payment in goods; would also give private lessons in English and Mathematics. Address M. M. M., Box No. 139 Times Office.

AT BEDELL'S, NO. 249 4TH-AV., CORNER 32d-st., will be found excellent situations ready for all good servants, both Protestant and Catholic, for City and country. N. B.—Girls sent for at their residences.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A NEAT Protestant young woman as first-class chamber-maid and assist in washing, or chamber-work and writing, in a private boarding-house; best City references. Call at No. 203 West 27th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young woman as competent waitress; can take care of children; assist in washing; none but the best of families need apply. Can be seen at her present employer's, No. 46 East 21st-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant young woman as infant's nurse; is capable of taking entire charge; good City reference from present employer. Call for two days at No. 107 West 16th-st., near 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as chamber-maid and waitress; can do plain sewing; is willing and obliging. Call at No. 222 West 15th-st., between 7th and 8th ave., after 9 o'clock.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable girl as waitress in a small private family; best City reference. Can be seen until engaged at No. 1,276 Broadway, one door from 32d-st.

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A LADY, WRITING A GOOD HAND, DEsires a situation as copyist. Address WILLIAM MEIKLEHEM, Metropolitan Gas Company, Broadway and 42d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent German girl for general house-work, or as cook, washer and ironer; is willing and obliging; best of City references. Call at No. 228 Bowery, entrance on 1st-st.

WANTED—BY A GOOD GERMAN WOMAN, a situation to do general house-work; is willing and obliging. Call at M. HILD'S, No. 177 Norfolk-st.

MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PRACTIcal gardener, (Protestant,) married; no children, aged 45; English by birth; competent to take charge of a place where there is hot and cold graperies, greenhouses, forcing and propagating pits; refers to present employer as to capability and integrity. Address J. J., Hudson City, N. J.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a single man, capable of taking charge of a gentleman's place; green-house, hot and cold grapery, ice, fruits, flowers, vegetable garden, &c. Address M. D., Box No. 109 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS gardener; understands his business in all its branches; none but first-class place need apply; Englishman; married; no child, 12 years. Address, by letter, JOSEPH NEWTON, Norwich, Conn.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A MARried man as gardener; also understands the management of all kinds of cattle; not afraid of work; his wife is a good cook and baker. Address D. M., Box No. 212 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by an Englishman; thoroughly understands his business; has the very best of City references. Can be seen for two days at A. Clinch's feed-store, No. 22 East 19th-st., between 4th and Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG colored man as waiter; understands his business thoroughly; best City references. Apply at No. 541 8th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by a respectable Protestant married man; City or country; can come well recommended. Address S. B., Box No. 196 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT man, a situation as coachman; has best City reference from his last employer. Call on or address J. W., No. 209 East 40th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FARMER and gardener by an Englishman; married, without incumbrance; understands his trade in every respect; good references given. Address J. V. S., West Farms, Westchester County.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A NURSE FOR GROWING children, a middle-aged woman and a Protestant; she must thoroughly understand her duties, have satisfactory City references, and be willing to make herself useful. Address, in own handwriting, NURSE, Box No. 784 General Post-office.

LIFE INSURANCE.—A SOUND AND progressive New-York company will make arrangements with a first-class, experienced agent for the Metropolitan district. Address M. B., Post-office Box No. 5,828.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE MIDDLE-aged Protestant woman for general house-work; wages $20 per month. Apply, with references, at St. Luke's Hospital, West 54th-st., by 6th-av. cars.

WANTED—A PROTESTANT COOK; CITY reference required. Apply at No. 6 West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th ave.

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WALLACK'S.
Proprietor and Manager ..... Mr. LESTER WALLACK.
NOVELTY AND VARIETY.
PROGRAMME OF OLD AND NEW PLAYS:
THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, FEB. 17,
MONEY.
SATURDAY MATINEE—MONEY.
SATURDAY NIGHT, fourth time—THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE.
ON MONDAY, FEB. 20,
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS THEATRE,
Dance's elegant Comedietta,
A MORNING CALL,
followed by Morton's Comedy, (first time this season,) entitled
WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME.
TUESDAY, FEB. 21,
HOME AND BLUE DEVILS.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22—THE HEIR AT LAW.
THURSDAY, FEB. 23—A MORNING CALL and WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME.
FRIDAY, FEB. 24—MONEY.
In consequence of the disappointment to many on Tuesday, the 14th, by reason of the severe storm, due notice will be given of the repetition of Robertson's Military Drama,
CUBS.
In preparation, Robertson's last Comedy,
BIRTH.

WALLACK'S.
SATURDAY MATINEE, FEB. 18,
MONEY.
Doors open at 1 P. M.; to begin at 1½ P. M.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—IL TROVATORE.
MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 20, 1871,
For the benefit of The Samaritan Home.
Tickets, $1. Boxes, (holding four,) $10. Can be had at G. Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway.

STEINWAY HALL.
SUNDAY EVENING, Feb. 19, 1871.
GRAND
MEMORIAL CONCERT
in honor of the late
CARL ANSCHUETZ,
FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS WIDOW.
On which occasion the following eminent artists have generously volunteered their services:
Mme. MARIE HEEBAUH, the great Tragedienne.
Mme. ANNA BISHOP, Soprano.
Mme. DE LUSSAN, Soprano.
Mlle. PAULINE CANISSA, Mezzo-Soprano.
Mlle. ADELAIDA MANZOCCHI, Pianiste.
Mr. W. CANDIDUS, Tenor. Mr. C. FRITSCH, Tenor.
Mr. ALVES, Tenor. Mr. F. REMMERTZ, Baritone.
Mr. JOS. WEINLICH, Basso.
Mr. S. B. MILLS, Pianist.
Mr. J. POZNANSKY, Violinist.
Mr. F. BERGNER, Violoncellist.
Mr. S. P. WARREN, Organist.
Mr. H. HARRY, by permission of Mr. J. Grau.
Messrs. CHAS. FRADEL & SCHREINER, Conductors.
Admission tickets $1
Reserved seats 50 cents extra.
Can be had at the box-office of Steinway Hall, at J. Schuberth & Co.'s, No. 850 Broadway; at G. Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway; and at Jerome & Martens', No. 682 Broadway.
The Grand Piano used on this occasion is from the celebrated manufactory of Steinway & Sons.
The Silver Tongue Organ from the manufactory of Needham & Son.
Doors open at 7½. To commence at 8 o'clock.

STEINWAY HALL.
Miss MARIE KREBS' sixth Piano-forte Recital takes place SATURDAY, Feb. 18, 1871, at 2 P. M., when a young woman, a relation to her, by name Miss HENRIETTE BEEBE,

STATE AND CITY TAXATION.

Report of Commissioners Wells, Dodge, and Cuyler.

New-York Compared With Other States and Europe—Our Industries Paralyzed by a False System of Taxation—Shameless Evasion of Personal Taxes—Unblushing Perjury of Millionaires—Two Codes Suggested.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—The report of Messrs. DAVID A. WELLS, EDWIN DODGE, and GEO. W. CUYLER, on State and municipal taxation, was sent to the Legislature today by the Governor. The following are the leading features of the report:

ENORMOUS INCREASE OF TAXATION.

The United States, before 1861, never raised more than $70,000,000 by taxation. They have since raised more than $800,000,000 in a year. The State taxes of New-York were, in 1821, $26,000,000; in 1870, $30,000,000. In that time the population had increased only 450,000. The State taxation is $11 86 per head. In Massachusetts it is $14 38. Ohio, $8 72. The Federal Government in 1869 raised $411,000,000; and at the New-York rate of local taxation, the whole country would have paid $850,000,000, or $21 52 per head—a far larger taxation than any modern nation has ever borne in time of peace. In many cities the local rate is still higher.

EVILS.

Mr. WELLS points out the radical evils of taxation:

1. When taxation is rendered excessive by unwise expenditure.

2. When through bad adjustment the tax is made unequal.

The latter is by far the greatest evil.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE NEW-YORK SYSTEM.

In Great Britain, France, Belgium, Prussia and Holland there are no direct taxes on personal property; and in all of these countries special care is taken that the incidence of local taxation shall not increase the cost of production, especially of manufacturing, or of the commercial transactions involved in the movement of the finished products of industry to a market; but in New-York, in common with all the other States, except Pennsylvania, it has thus far been considered desirable rather than otherwise to impose upon the capital especially employed in manufacturing as large a proportion of the burden of local taxation as possible. It is therefore evident that, to the extent of this difference in the incidence of taxation, the manufacturer in New-York must enter a foreign market at a disadvantage, for which there can be no direct compensation while, as regards his own home trade, he has need of a corresponding measure of protection, either in the way of increased expenses of transportation or a rate of tariff, in order to hold his own against his more favored foreign competitor. How this condition of inequality operates as a bar to State and national progress certainly may be practically shown by various examples. Let us suppose the projection of a new line of steam-ships to run between the City of New-York and Europe, in competition with existing lines, now controlled by foreign capitalists and registered under a foreign flag. If the nationality of the company is to be New-York, and its home New-York City, the State, City and County would have levied or have authorized the levying, during the past year, on the whole accessible capital or property of the company, in the form of vessels, wharfs, warehouses, machine-shops, offices, and fleet of steamers, a tax of 1.27 per cent. Beyond this the National Government would have imposed an average tax, under the tariff, on all articles of foreign growth or importation used in the vessels of the line, of forty-eight per cent; on the profits or dividends of the company, (if purchase there should be any,) an income tax; on all tickets for passage, a tax varying from fifty cents to $1 50; and until quite recently would have also taken two and one-half per cent on all gross receipts from both passengers and freights. If, on the other hand, the office of the company is made foreign, and its location fixed at Liverpool, the whole amount of local taxation to which the company would have been subjected would be merely an assessment to the extent of from ten to twenty-five per cent on the rental value of the premises occupied either as offices, store-houses or docks. Beyond this the British Government would have levied in the year 1870 an income tax on the profit of the individual stockholders or owners of four pence on the pound sterling, equivalent to one and two-thirds per cent, and omitting all other forms of direct taxation, would have allowed all articles subject to taxation either under the excise or tariff, such as distilled spirits, teas, sugars, coffee, wines and tobacco, which may be required for use on board the steamer in question, to be taken from bond free of duty. The difference in the return on the investment therefore, growing out of the difference merely in the fiscal systems recognized in the United States and Great Britain, would be sufficient to afford to the foreign capitalist a dividend on his stock nearly or quite equal to the ordinary rate of European interest on capital employed, while to the American investor the disadvantages would have an expression four times greater through the increase of expenses and a diminution of profit which can be traced directly to a system of taxation and currency, which has enhanced the price of everything that has entered into the steamer, from the laying of her keel to the coal that feeds her engines.

SYSTEMS OF OTHER STATES.

During the present year the Legislature of Pennsylvania has incorporated a transatlantic ship company, having its American office in Philadelphia, in which the capital of the company, stock and bonds included, is specially exempted from all taxation. In Maine and Vermont, manufacturing establishments have been specially exempted from tax for a term of years.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

If we select another example, the manufacture of cotton in Great Britain and New-York respectively, we find that in the former country, the incidence of local or other direct taxation extends only to the rental value of buildings used for the reception of machinery or the transaction of other details of the business of manufacturing and does not in any way regard the value of the machinery which may be placed in such buildings, or the capital employed in its working. On the other hand, in New-York in common with all the other States, except Pennsylvania, the incidence of local taxation falls upon every thing connected with the business of cotton manufacture that is accessible, viz.: buildings, land, capital and machinery, and is, moreover, and frequently duplicated; the land, machinery and buildings being taxed to the company or corporation at the place where they are situated, and the stock to the stockholder at the place of his residence or domicil. In one instance, (and that not exceptional,) brought to the notice of the Commissioners, the aggregate of these local taxes, imposed on a particular corporation located in one of the New-England States, amounted, in 1868, to over four per cent, upon the whole capital invested, and in years previous the aggregate was reported as considerably in excess of this figure.

RELATIVE COST OF BUILDING MILLS.

But vicious as this system is, upon its face, its effects, contrasting our domestic with foreign systems of taxation, cannot be fully appreciated until we take into consideration the fact that capital required by build a cotton or woolen mill in the United States is about double the amount required in Great Britain or upon the Continent of Europe. Four per cent., therefore, on the capital of a cotton-mill in the United States represents eight per cent, in the same productive power in Great Britain, Belgium or Germany; a rate which is almost double the average rate of interest in the latter countries. If the neighboring States were to adopt the system of local taxation existing in Pennsylvania, or a more liberal one, and New-York were to adhere to her present system, manufacturing industry, to a very great extent, would either be obliged to abandon the State, or force a repeal of the existing laws.

VALUATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Mr. WELLS shows that the valuation of real estate, in this State, is always placed, illegally, far below its real value, but without any uniformity in the assessment. But the valuation of personal property is far more unequal, and often amounts to less than one-tenth of its real value, while in other cases it is exacted rigorously to its full amount. The practice of evading assessments on personal property is almost universal, and is facilitated by legal exemptions. Where, on the other hand, through the honesty of the tax-payer, the valuation is fully made, the tax becomes oppressive, and capital is driven from the State. A delegate to the Constitutional Convention, (Mr. PIERREPONT, of New-York,) stated that he could name to the State "thirty men whose aggregate wealth is $100,000,000, whose individual average wealth is $10,000,000," or over $20,000,000 in excess of its valuation for said year of all the personal property of the entire State. In the City of Brooklyn the aggregate valuation of all the property for the current year is $201,240,829; but of this $129,669,579 represent real estate, and only $71,570,250 personal property. And it is to be further noted that of this seventeen millions valuation of personal property in this great city, $7,955,920 are assessed against corporations, banks, ferries, gas companies, &c., leaving only $9,205,160 against individuals, an amount which probably does not equal the aggregate personal property of four of its citizens. He gives numerous other instances.

EVADING TAXATION—HARD SWEARING.

A report transmitted to the Legislature January, 1871, by THEODORE C. FETERS, at that time one of the State Assessors, gives the following opinion as the result of much investigation: "Of the taxable property of the State, not one-fifth of the personal property is now reached; while the real estate is assessed upon eleven twentieths of its value, personal is on less than four-twentieths." A further conclusion arrived at in this report was, "that the value of personal property in the State fully equals most of the real estate," and that the two classes in 1869 had each an approximate aggregate value of $2,169,305,000, or a total of $4,338,791,000. In one of the cities of New-York an individual of prominence and standing in the community was assessed, some ten years since, for personal property to the extent of $20,000. The first year of such assessment he swore down the valuation to $15,000, and continued thereafter to reduce this amount annually, under oath, by the sum of $1,000, until the year 1869, when he acknowledged personal property to the extent of only $1,000. That year he died, and, as the assessor expressed it, "passed to a tribunal where oaths could be inquired into." On the settlement of the estate during the succeeding year, the amount of personal property returned by the Surrogate for division among the heirs, was in excess of $150,000. In one of the cities of this State the Assessors frankly informed the Commissioner that they had tried the plan of assessing wealthy citizens at an approximate full valuation for personal property, and, finding the results uniformly one of detriment to the city, had desisted, and now taxed such persons for a uniform moderate amount, without regard to any valuation. Experience had shown that a tax on full valuation was never paid by such citizens but once, for before a new assessment they had sold their property or changed their residence to some other State or town, where the valuation rate was different. One instance in particular was referred to, where an assessment was recently made for $600,000 personal property. The individual question swore down the valuation to $5,000, and paid taxes on that to the extent of four per cent., and left the country. Another expenditure for evading taxes on personal property brought to the notice of the Commissioners is worthy of notice for its ingenuity. A firm engaged in manufacturing, with a capital of between two and three hundred thousand dollars, found the rate of taxation to which the same was subjected too onerous and too destructive of profit to be endured. The establishment was therefore closed up and sold out under a legal process and bought in by the original owners and reorganized on a nominal capital of $50,000, on which capital it is today valued and assessed. The same thing in principle is reported by many other firms and corporations, who, with the extension of their business and an increase in its value, never increase their original nominal capital, and return such only as the basis of assessment, while their true capital as represented by assets and good-will is really ratable at a much larger figure.

REMEDIES SUGGESTED.

The Commissioners recommend:

First—That real estate shall be assessed at its full value. This method has been tried in Philadelphia, and works well.

Second—That the attempt to levy a general tax upon personal property shall be abandoned. It not the law must be made far more stringent and severe than it has ever yet been. But no system yet devised short of torture will be effective.

Third—That the exemption of indebtedness from taxation must be abandoned, as a condition of success, in any system of taxing personal property.

Fourth—The Commission would abandon the multiplication of oaths, as security for honest assessments.

Fifth—That the taxation of mortgages upon landed property must be given up as impracticable and injurious, because it prevents the loaning of money on the best of all securities, and drives capital from the State.

DIFFICULTY OF TAXING CERTAIN PROPERTY.

The Commissioners show, at great length, the local difficulties which make it impossible to levy taxation upon some of the most important classes of personal property, such as imported goods in original packages, national bonds, deposits in savings-banks, personal property of citizens actually situated in other States, property in transit, negotiable instruments and claims, and property held in trust. They show that while two States cannot tax the same property, this State has no power to exempt the property of its citizens in other States from its fair share of the cost of protection there. The Supreme Court of the United Stateshas recently decided that a State cannot tax mortgage bonds of a railroad which has been partly in another State, but must confine its taxation exclusively to the property which lies entirely within its own limits. All such bonds of railroads, or other corporations which own property in more than one State, are therefore entirely exempt from local taxation, inasmuch as the mortgage bond covers and binds the whole property.

OUTLINES OF CODES SUGGESTED.

The Commissioners close their report by offering two outline codes, intended to carry out the one fully, and the other only in part—the principles established by their investigations. The principal aim of these codes is to limit taxation upon personal property to the capital, shares and profits of the corporations doing a local business wholly within the State, and not affected, like railroads, life insurance companies, and manufacturing companies, by competition from beyond its jurisdiction; and making all other personal property entirely free.

First Code.

"SECTION 1. *Be it enacted*, That hereafter the franchise capital, stock, and the real and personal property of any corporation or association, organized under the laws of this State, as a trust company, plank road company, turnpike company, savings bank, gas company, ferry company, fire or marine insurance company, or of any corporation authorized to receive deposits or loan money or discount notes or bills, or of any bank organized under the Banking act of this State, or under the National Banking act and located in this State, and the shares of stock in any of the companies, banks, and all foreign insurance companies doing business in this State, and the capital in business and property of all such foreign insurance companies within this State, shall be assessed and taxed according to the rate of taxation fixed by this section for such property.

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SEC. 2. All real estate, other than real estate assessed in section 1 of this act, subject to assessment and taxation according to the present laws of this State, shall hereafter be as follows: All lands shall be assessed exclusive of buildings, and entered in the third column of the books of the assessors, and all of the buildings and all of the improvements on said lands shall be assessed at their full first value, and entered in the books of the assessors also, in the third column, for the purpose of taxation.

Second Code.

The second code differs from this chiefly in the following provisions:

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